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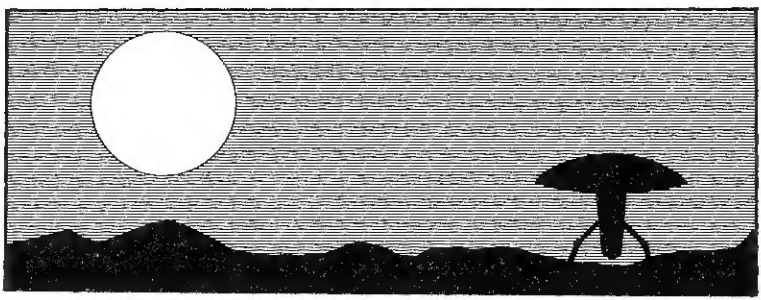
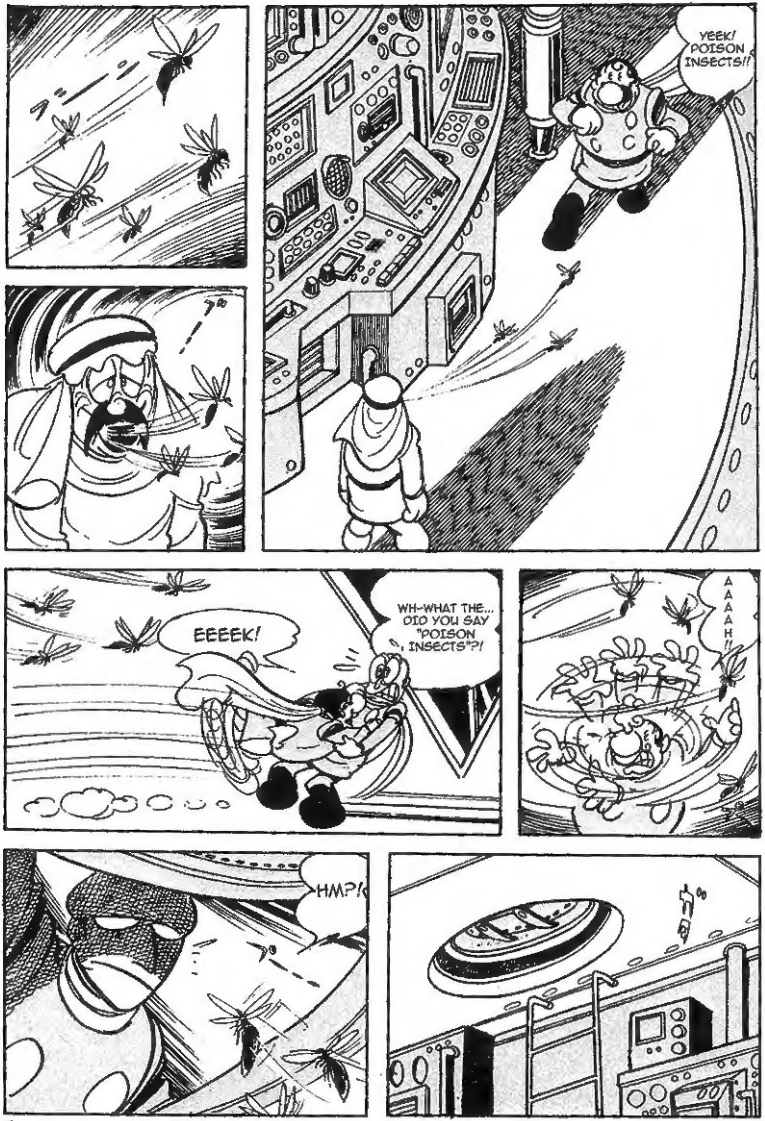
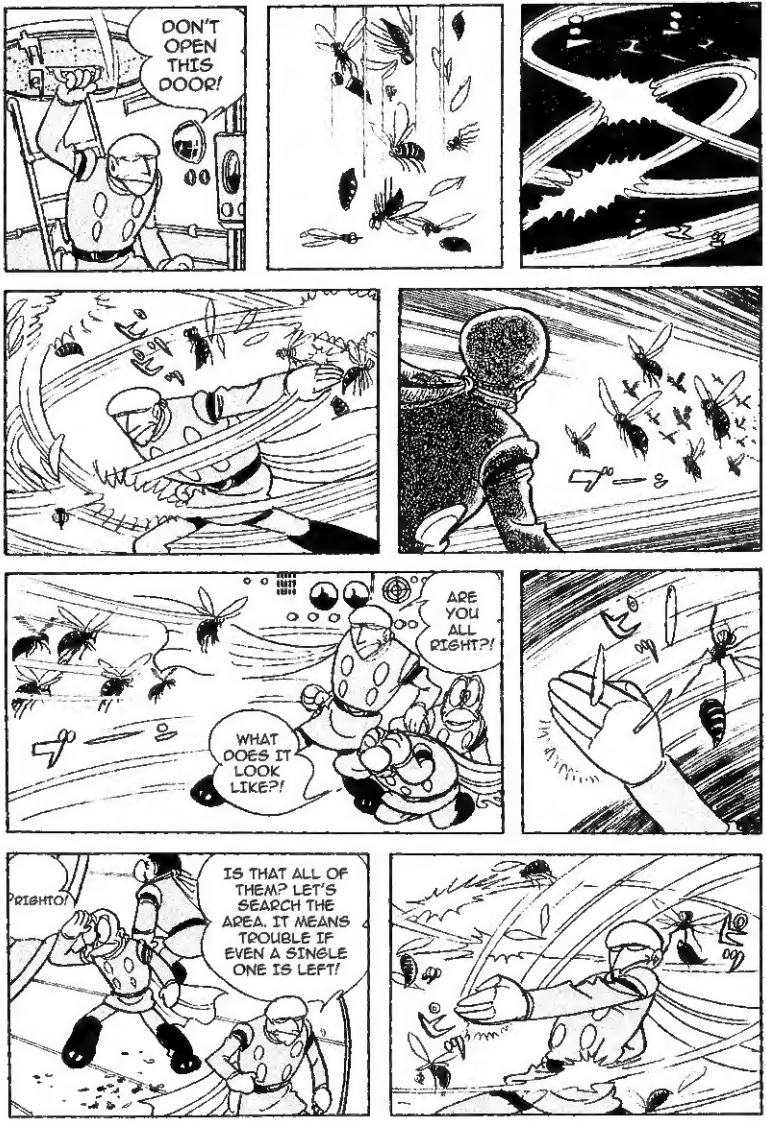
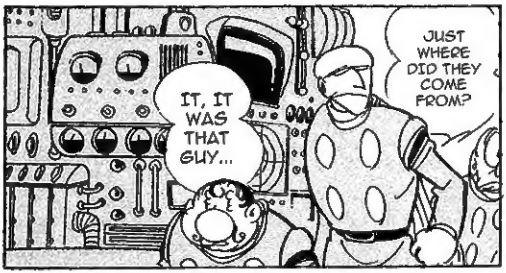
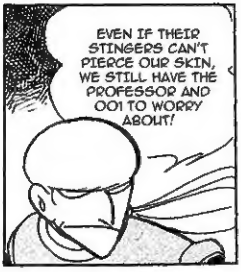


HM...
HONESTLY!
KEEPING WATCH IS HARD. I'M READY FOR BED.
"YAWN"
WHAT...
IS THAT?!!
HYEEEEEE!!
OOe!! WAKE EVERYONE UP!
ON IT!

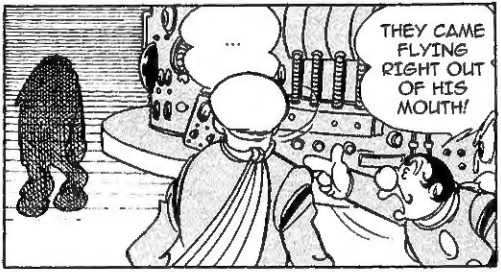

YEEK! POISON INSECTS!!
EEEEK!
WH-WHAT THE... DID YOU SAY "POISON INSECTS"?!
AAAAH!!
HM?!


DON'T OPEN THIS DOOR!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?!
IS THAT ALL OF THEM? LET'S SEARCH THE AREA. IT MEANS TROUBLE IF EVEN A SINGLE ONE IS LEFT!
RIGHT!

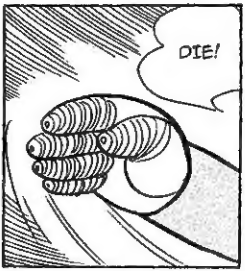

IT, IT WAS THAT GUY...
JUST WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

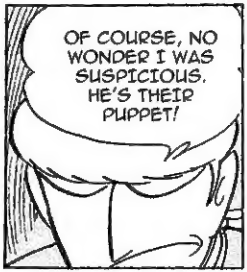

EVEN IF THEIR STINGERS CAN'T PIERCE OUR SKIN, WE STILL HAVE THE PROFESSOR AND OOI TO WORRY ABOUT!

HEE HEE HEE

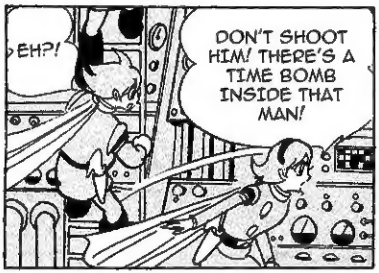

...
THEY CAME FLYING RIGHT OUT OF HIS MOUTH!

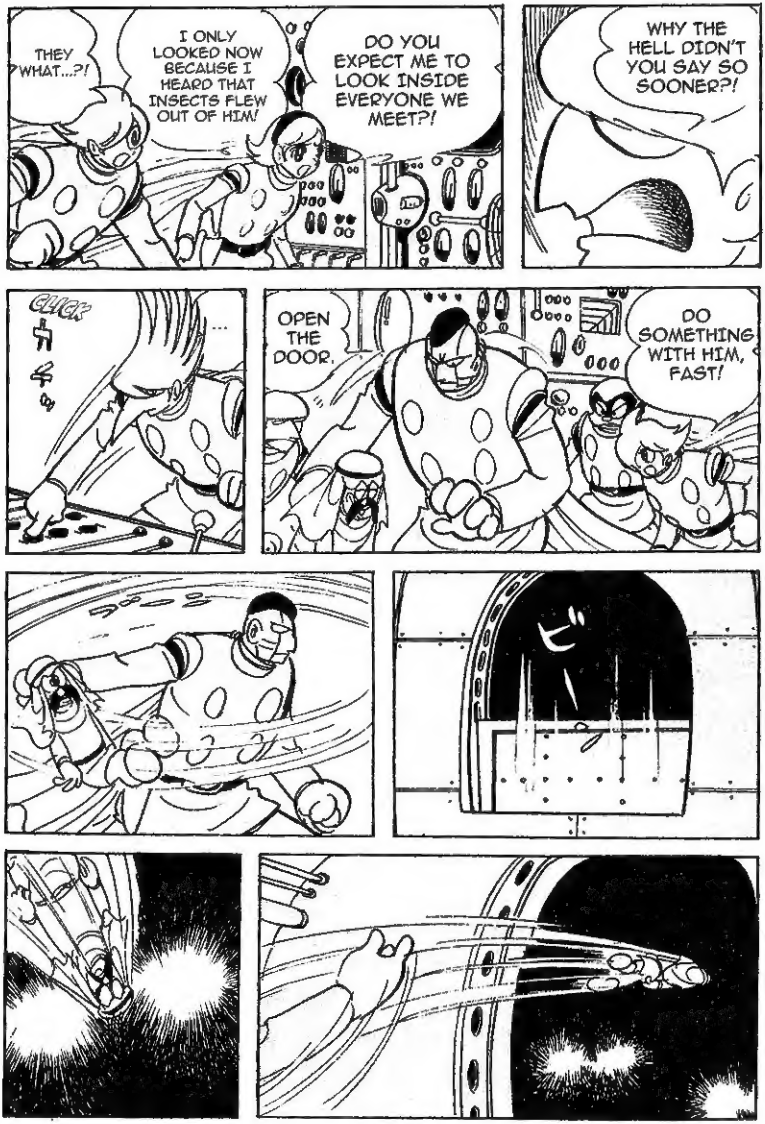
WAIT!


DIE!

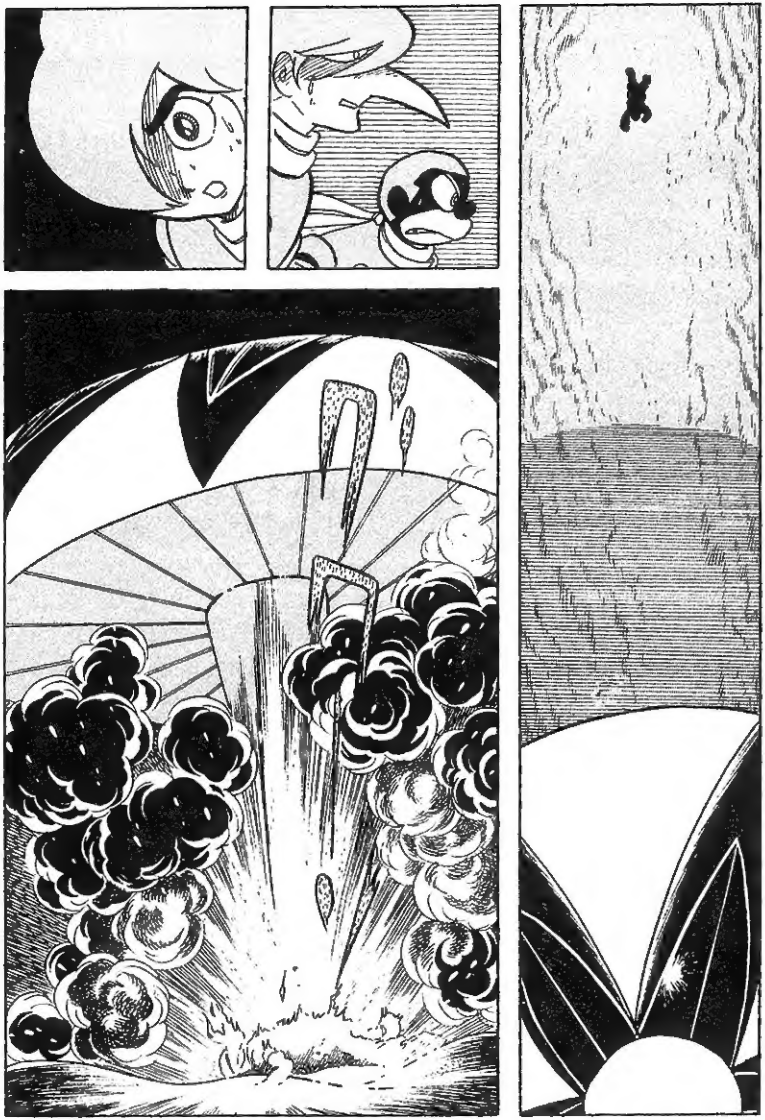

OF COURSE, NO WONDER I WAS SUSPICIOUS. HE'S THEIR PUPPET!

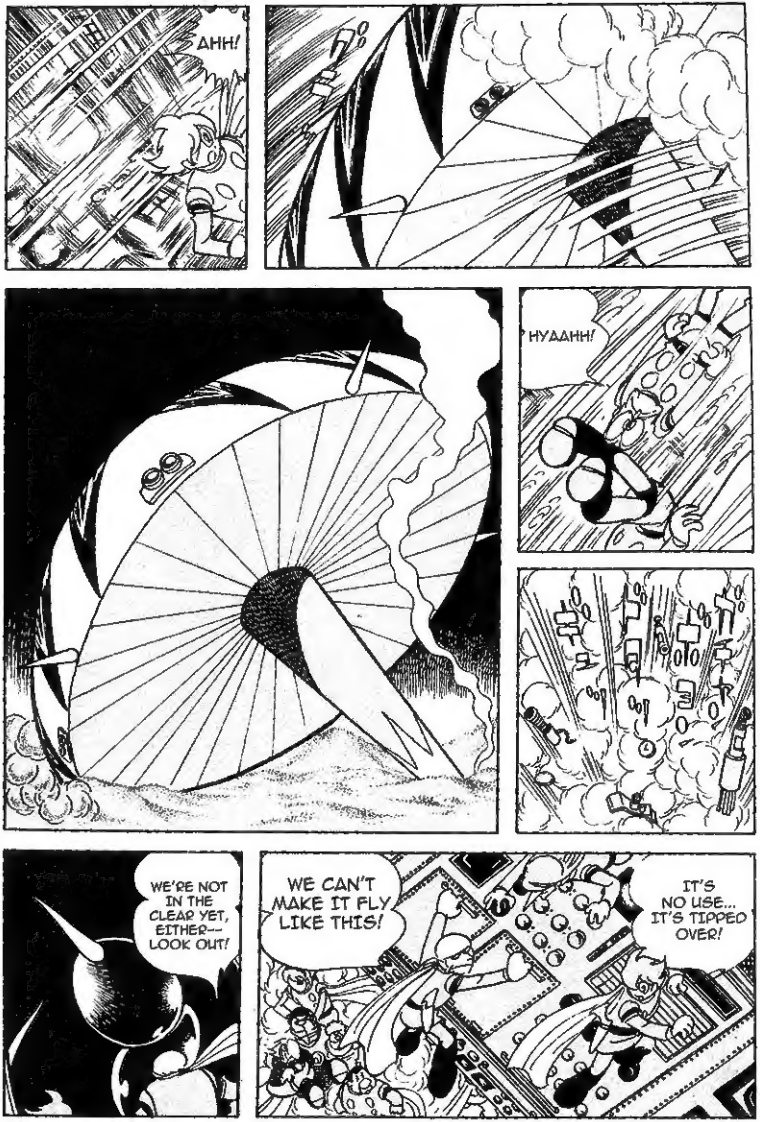
TICK
TICK
TICK
TICK
TICK
TICK

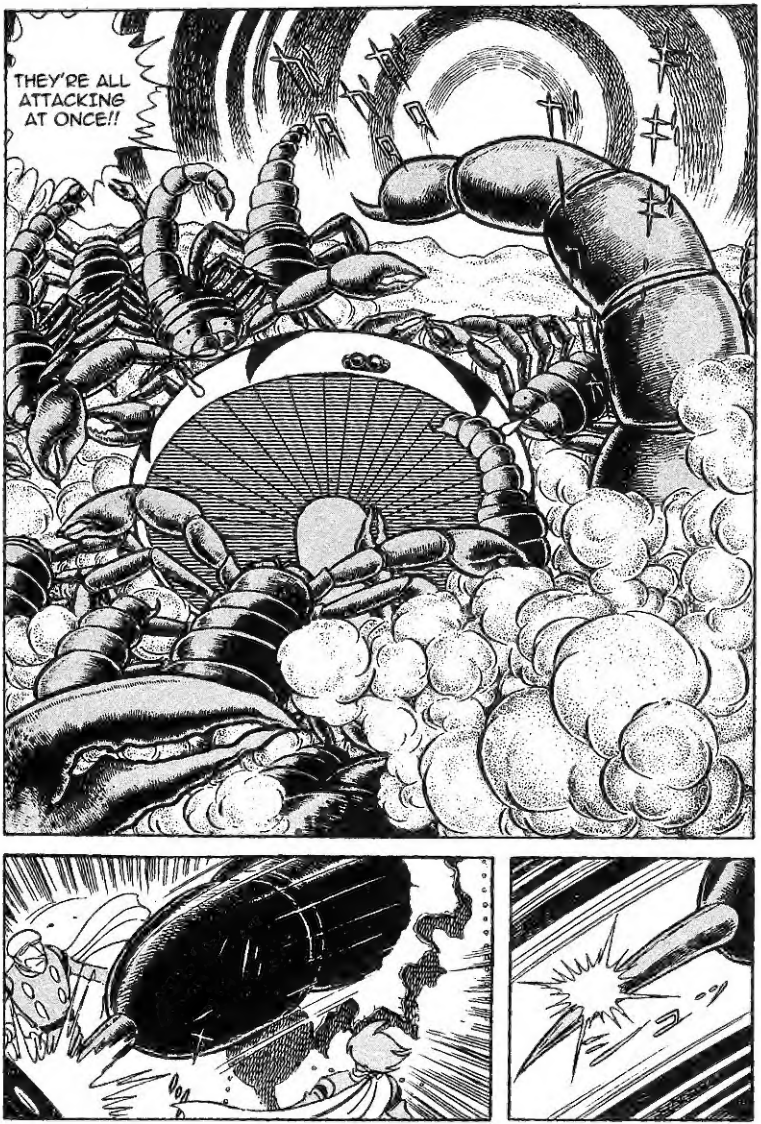

EH?!
DON'T SHOOT HIM! THERE'S A TIME BOMB INSIDE THAT MAN!

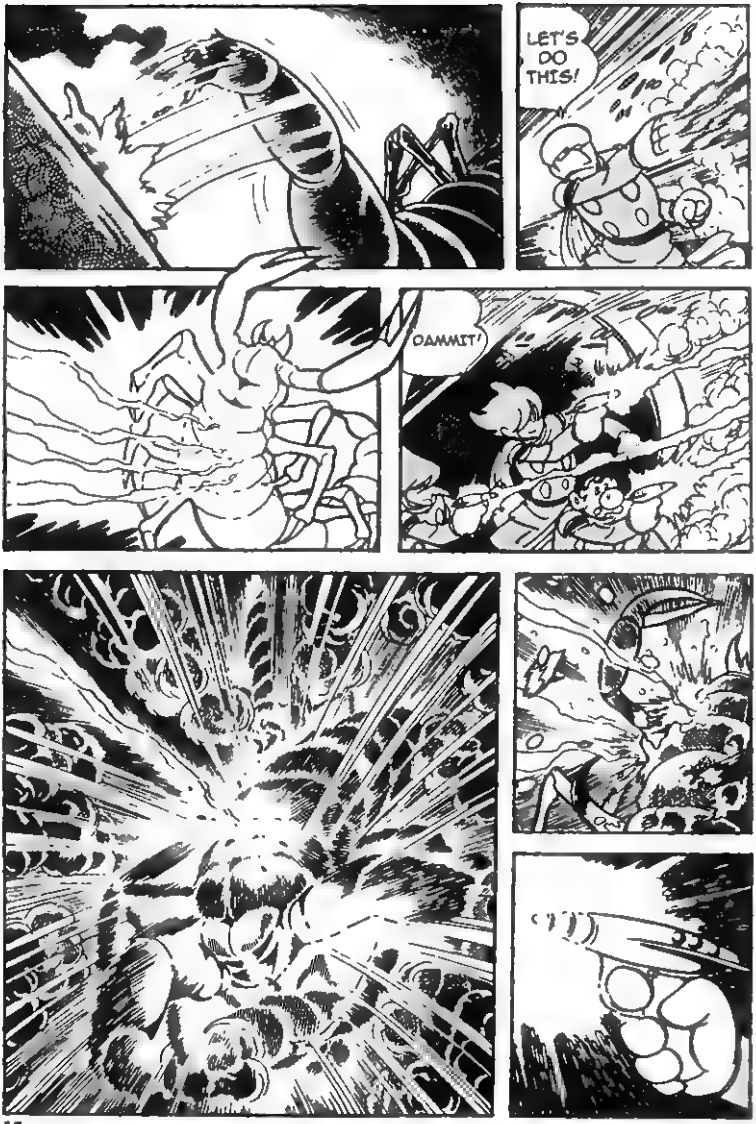

THEY
WHAT...?!
I ONLY LOOKED NOW BECAUSE I HEARD THAT INSECTS FLEW OUT OF HIM!
DO YOU EXPECT ME TO LOOK INSIDE EVERYONE WE MEET?!
WHY THE HELL DIDN'T YOU SAY SO SOONER?!
CLICK
OPEN THE DOOR.
DO SOMETHING WITH HIM, FAST!

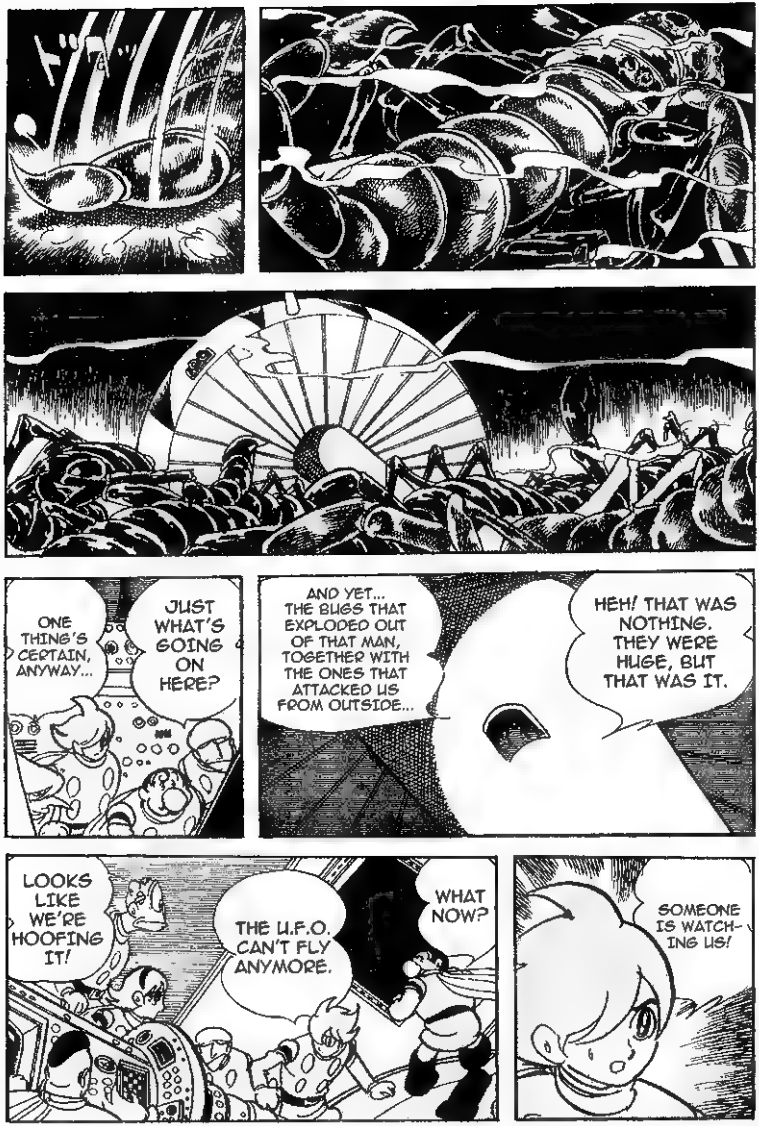
THEY'RE GIGANTIC SCORPIONS!
SCOR-PIONS!
THAT'S IT, I VOTE WE GET THE HECK OUT OF HERE!
HUH? WHAT ARE THOSE?!
TICK
TICK
TICK
YEEEE! THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY!

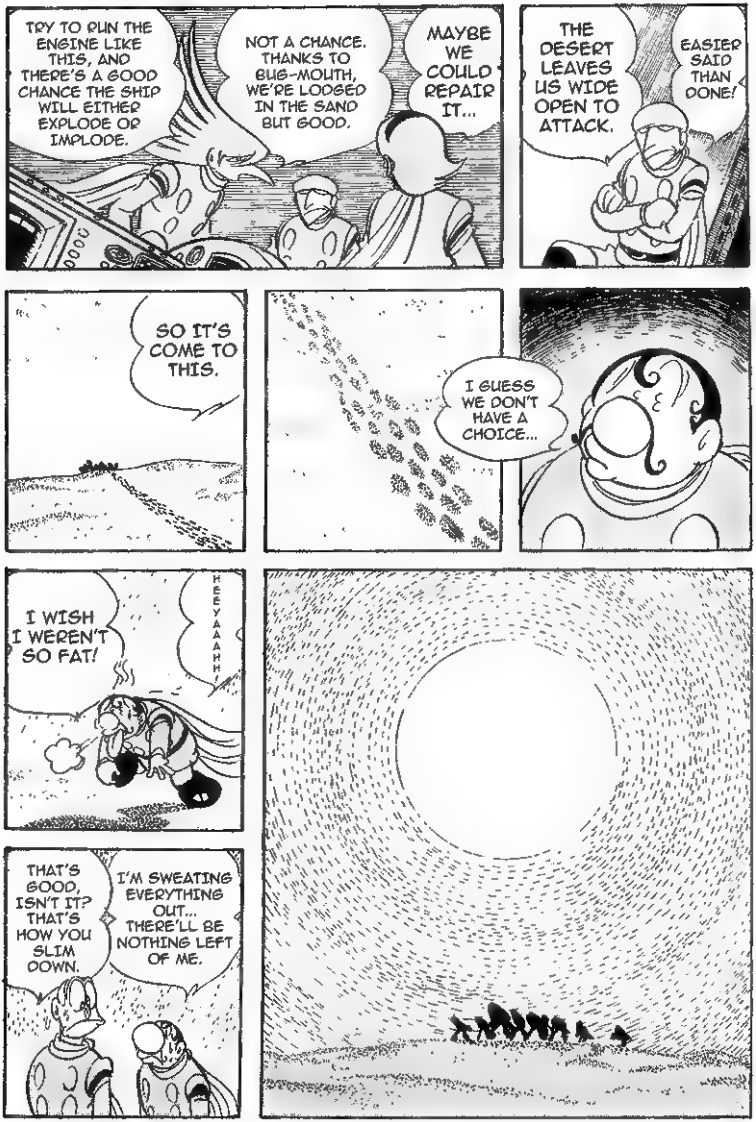


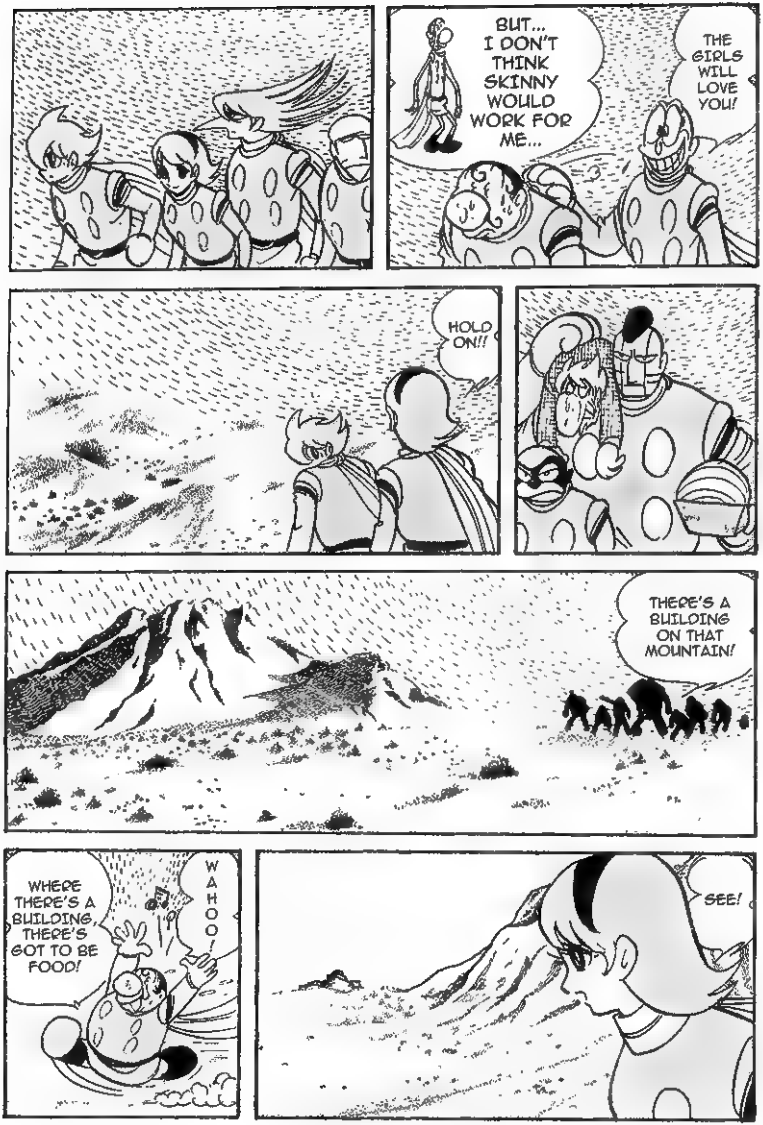

AHH!
HYAAHH!
WE'RE NOT IN THE CLEAR YET, EITHER--- LOOK OUT!
WE CAN'T MAKE IT FLY LIKE THIS!
IT'S NO USE... IT'S TIPPED OVER!

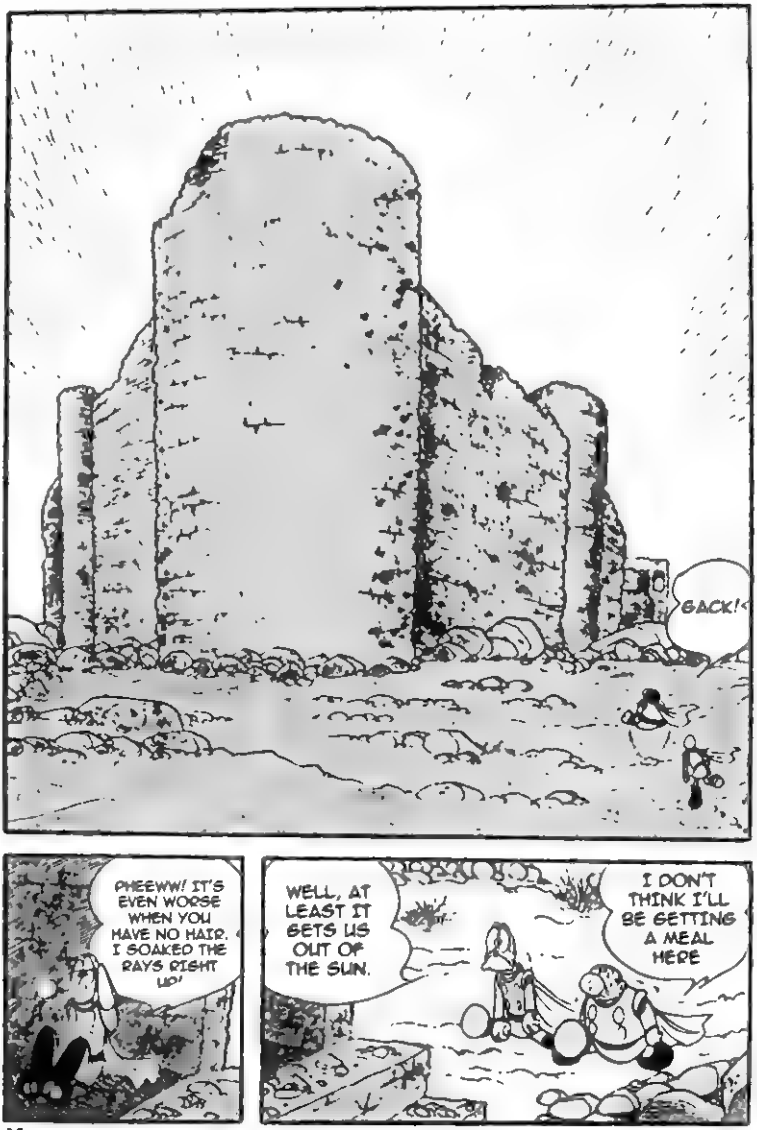

THEY'RE ALL ATTACKING AT ONCE!!

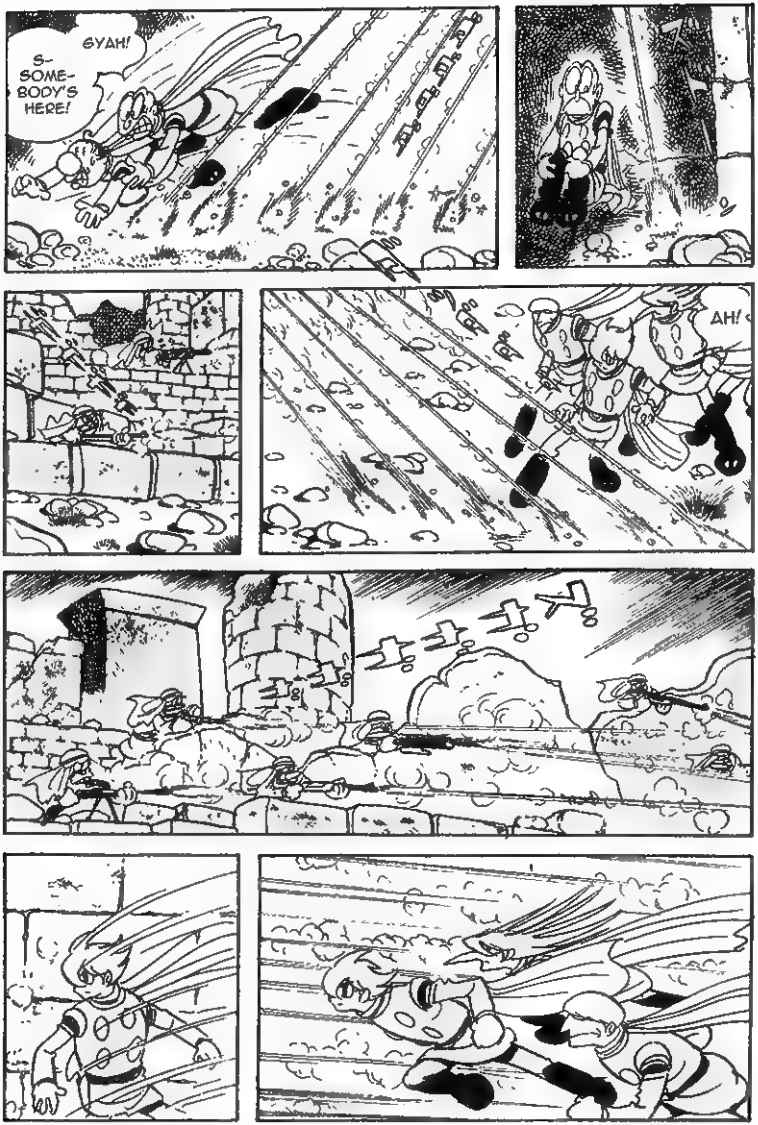

LET'S DO THIS!
DAMMIT!


ONE THING'S CERTAIN, ANYWAY...
JUST WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
AND YET... THE BUGS THAT EXPLODED OUT OF THAT MAN, TOGETHER WITH THE ONES THAT ATTACKED US FROM OUTSIDE...
HEH! THAT WAS NOTHING. THEY WERE HUGE, BUT THAT WAS IT.
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE HOOFING IT!
THE U.F.O. CAN'T FLY ANYMORE.
WHAT NOW?
SOMEONE IS WATCHING US!

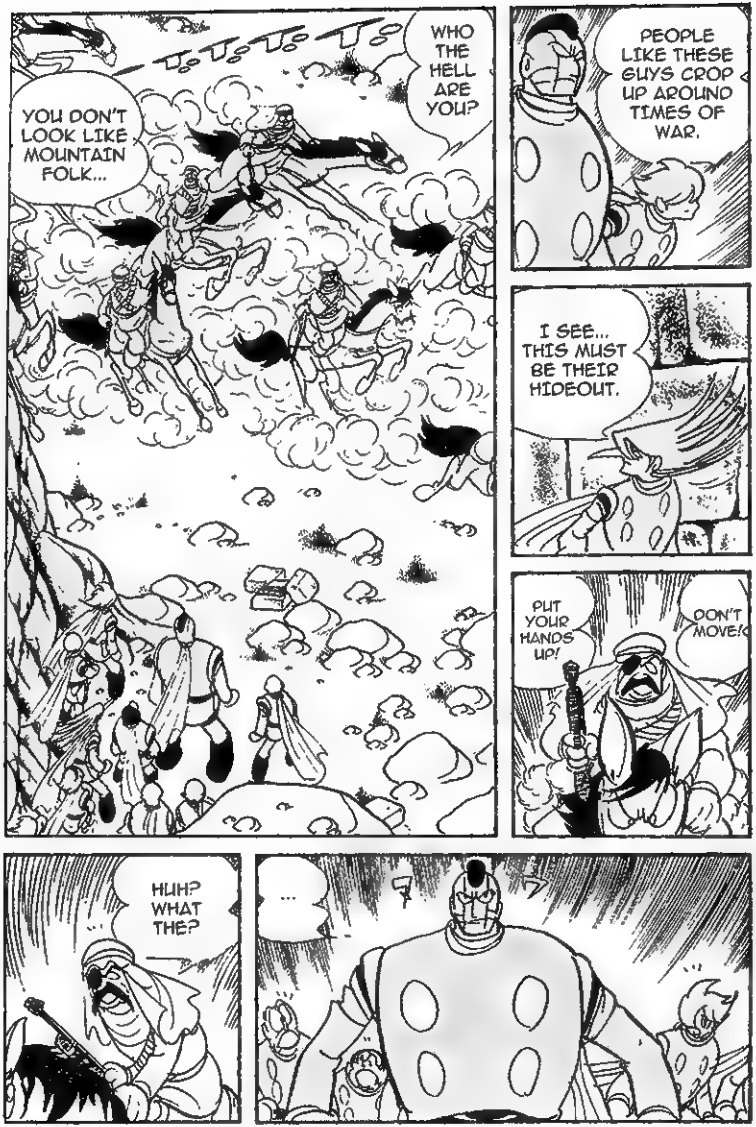

TRY TO RUN THE ENGINE LIKE THIS, AND THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THE SHIP WILL EITHER EXPLODE OR IMPLODE.
NOT A CHANCE. THANKS TO BUG-MOUTH, WE'RE LOOSED IN THE SAND BUT GOOD.
MAYBE WE COULD REPAIR IT...
THE DESERT LEAVES US WIDE OPEN TO ATTACK.
EASIER SAID THAN DONE!
SO IT'S COME TO THIS.
I GUESS WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE...
I WISH I WEREN'T SO FAT!
HEEYAAAAHH!
THAT'S GOOD, ISN'T IT? THAT'S HOW YOU SLIM DOWN.
I'M SWEATING EVERYTHING OUT... THERE'LL BE NOTHING LEFT OF ME.


BUT... I DON'T THINK SKINNY WOULD WORK FOR ME...
THE GIRLS WILL LOVE YOU!
HOLD ON!!
THERE'S A BUILDING ON THAT MOUNTAIN!
WHERE THERE'S A BUILDING, THERE'S GOT TO BE FOOD!
WAHOO!
SEE!

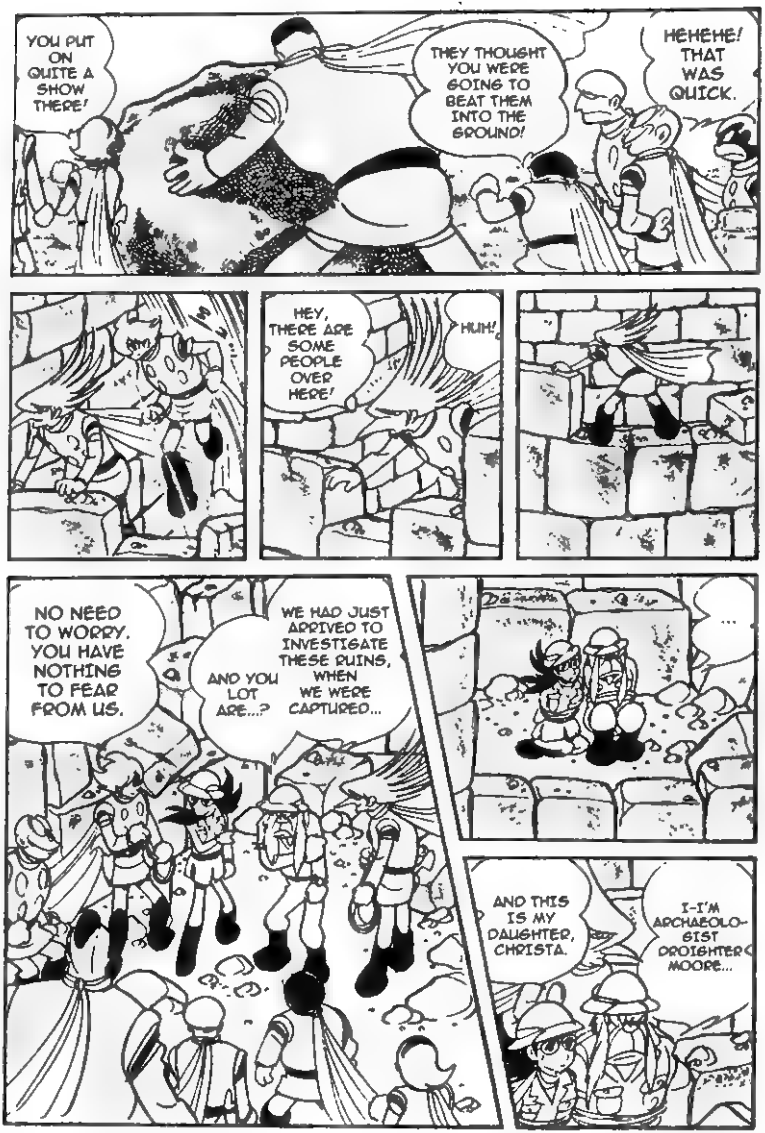

GACK!
PHEEWW! IT'S EVEN WORSE WHEN YOU HAVE NO HAIR. I SOAKED THE RAYS RIGHT UP!
WELL, AT LEAST IT GETS US OUT OF THE SUN.
I DON'T THINK I'LL BE GETTING A MEAL HERE


S-SOME-BODY'S HERE!
GYAH!
AH!

SAY THAT AGAIN?
NO. THAT WAS A REGULAR MACHINE GUN.
WHO COULD IT BE?... FRIENDS OF THEIRS?
HM...
DON'T BOTHER HIDING. IT'S JUST SOME LOUSY THIEVES!


WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE MOUNTAIN FOLK...
PEOPLE LIKE THESE GUYS CROP UP AROUND TIMES OF WAR.
I SEE... THIS MUST BE THEIR HIDEOUT.
PUT YOUR HANDS UP!
DON'T MOVE!
HUH? WHAT THE?
...
...

TAKE THIS, YOU GIANT!
SMACK
HRK! HE'S IMPERVIOUS TO BULLETS!
RUN!
YAAHHH!

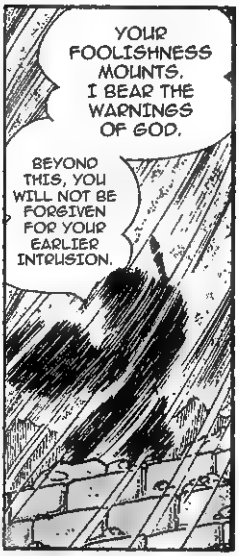

YOU PUT ON QUITE A SHOW THERE!
THEY THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO BEAT THEM INTO THE GROUND!
HEHEHE! THAT WAS QUICK.
HEY, THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE OVER HERE!
HUH!
NO NEED TO WORRY. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM US.
AND YOU LOT ARE...?
WE HAD JUST ARRIVED TO INVESTIGATE THESE RUINS, WHEN WE WERE CAPTURED...
...
AND THIS IS MY DAUGHTER, CHRISTA.
I-I'M ARCHAEOLOGIST CHRISTA MOORE...

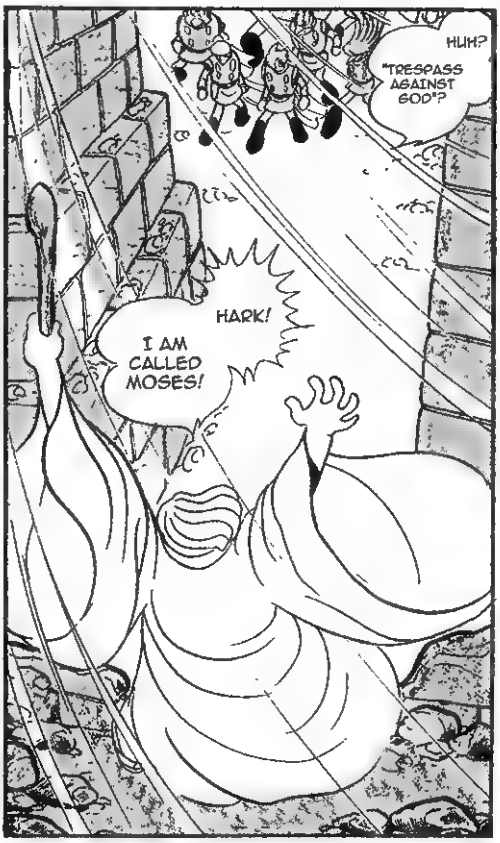
'CRUNCH CRUNCH MUNCH MUNCH'
SHK!
SOO GOOD
LOOKS LIKE THEY LEFT IT BEHIND
OHO, THERE IS FOOD!
WH-WHO WOULD LAUGH AT ANOTHER PERSON'S MISERY?!
THIS IS WHY YOU SHOULDN'T EAT SO QUICKLY!
BUT, THAT BODY SHAPE
KNOCK IT OFF, ALL RIGHT? YOU'RE BEING RUDE!
A-A CAMEL?!
A LAUGHING CAMEL?!
ONLY IN CARTOONS!
HE JUST LOOKS SO FUNNY

IT'S A DEMON CAMEL!
?
?
HEH, OKAY.
I'M TELLING YOU, CUT IT OUT!
?
IS IT A STORM COMING?
WHO IS THAT?!

WAAHHA-
HAHA-
HAAAH-
HAHAHA
YOU THERE!
WHO ARE YOU?!
HM...

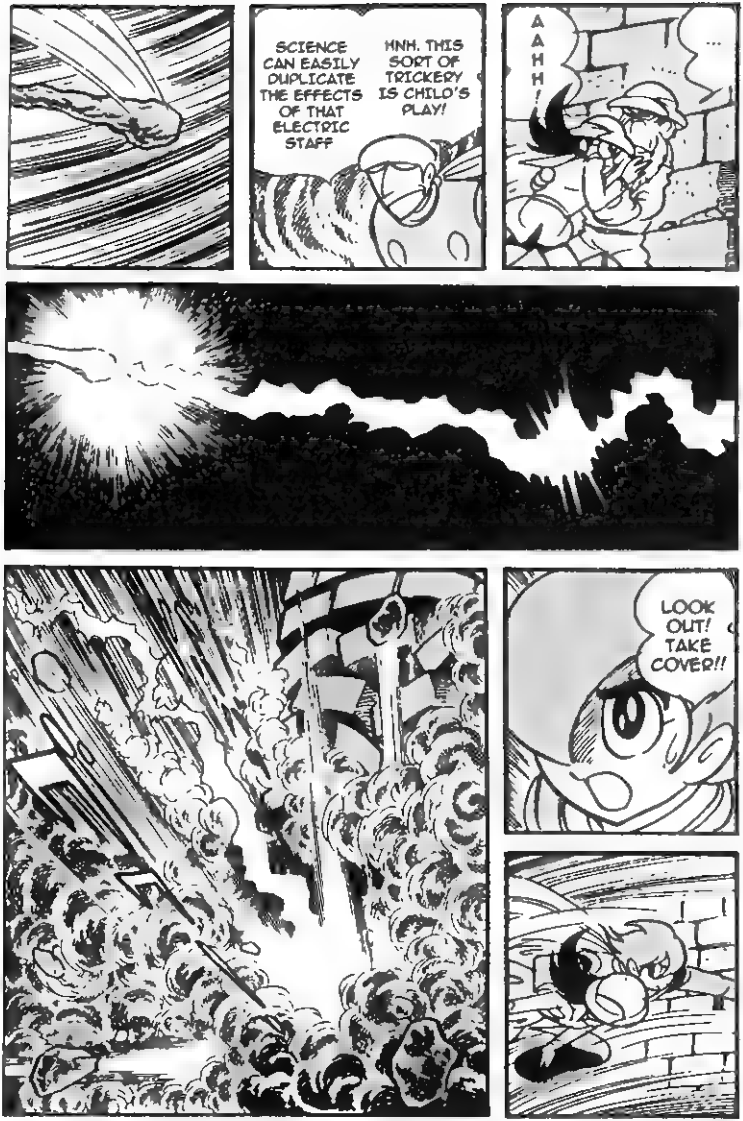
LEAVE THIS PLACE AT ONCE! IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIVES, YOU WILL TURN AWAY NOW!
YOU ARE FOOLS TO TRESPASS AGAINST GOD!
HARK!
CHAPTER 3
MOSES

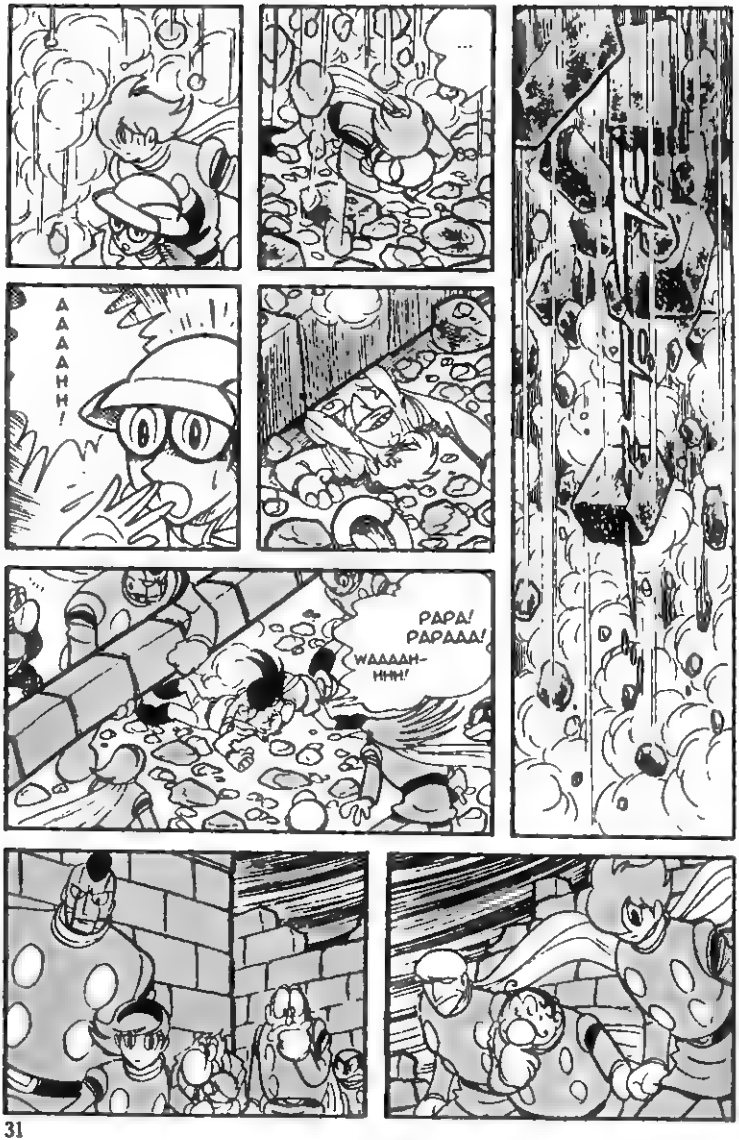

YOUR FOOLISHNESS MOUNTS. I BEAR THE WARNINGS OF GOD.
BEYOND THIS, YOU WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN FOR YOUR EARLIER INTRUSION.


HUH?
"TRESPASS AGAINST GOD"?
HARK!
I AM CALLED MOSES!

NOW GO!!

IF YOU DO NOT LEAVE IMMEDIATELY THE WRATH OF GOD WILL RAIN DOWN UPON YOU!
YOU SHALL BE CAST INTO THE DEPTHS OF HELL!
SHH!
SOME-BODY'S GOT A SCREW LOOSE!
PFF! MOSES, HE SAYS...


SCIENCE CAN EASILY DUPLICATE THE EFFECTS OF THAT ELECTRIC STAFF
HNH. THIS SORT OF TRICKERY IS CHILO'S PLAY!
AAHH!
...
LOOK OUT! TAKE COVER!!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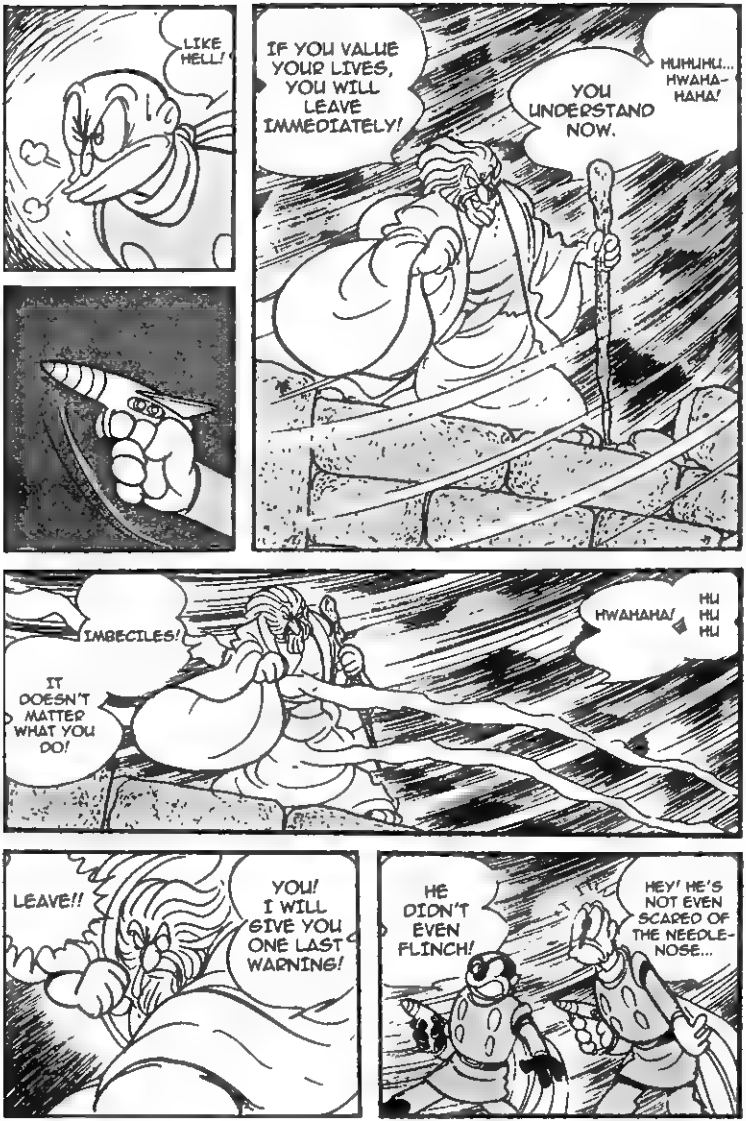
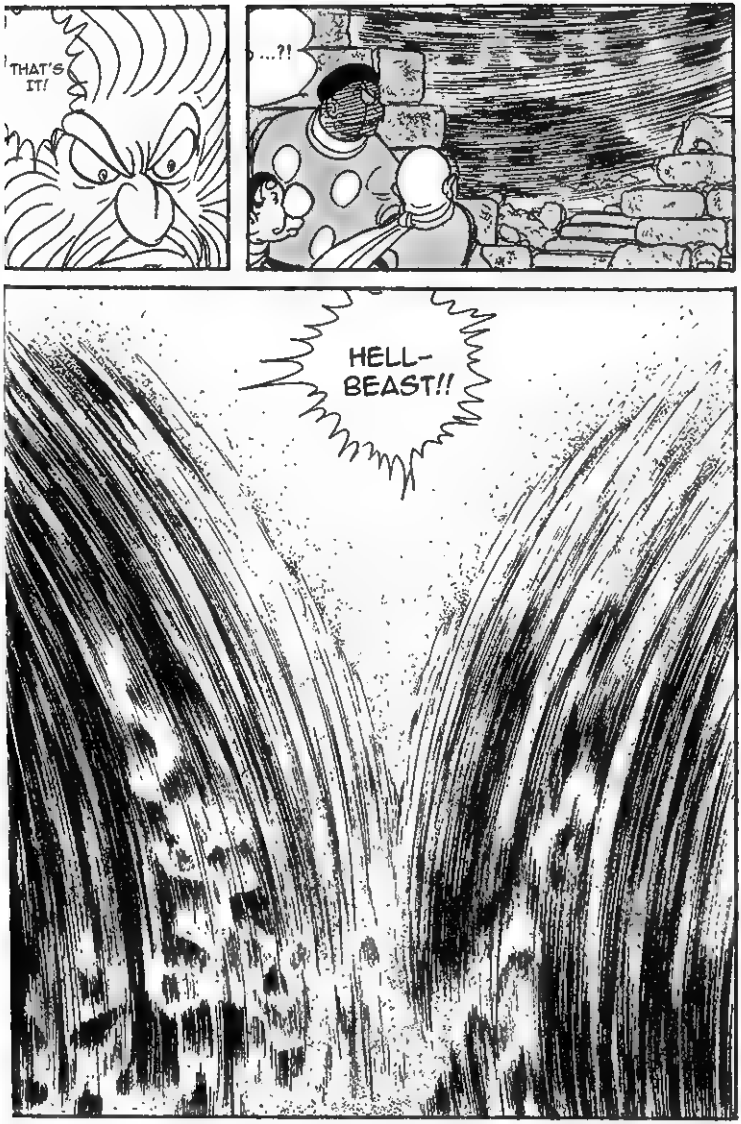
AAAAHH!
PAPA! PAPAAA!
WAAAAH-HHH!

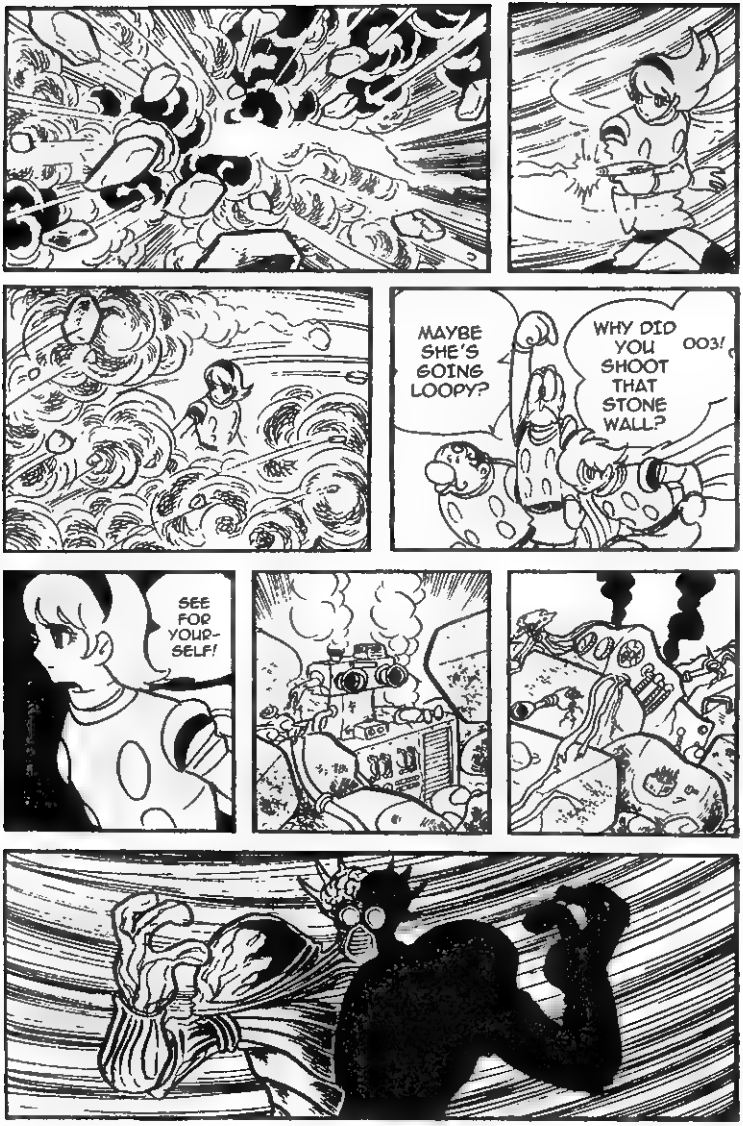

LIKE HELL!
IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIVES, YOU WILL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!
MUHUHU... HWAHA-HAHA!
YOU UNDERSTAND NOW.
IMBECILES!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU DO!
HWAHAHA!
HU HU HU
LEAVE!!
YOU! I WILL GIVE YOU ONE LAST WARNING!
HE DIDN'T EVEN FLINCH!
HEY! HE'S NOT EVEN SCARED OF THE NEEDLE-NOSE...

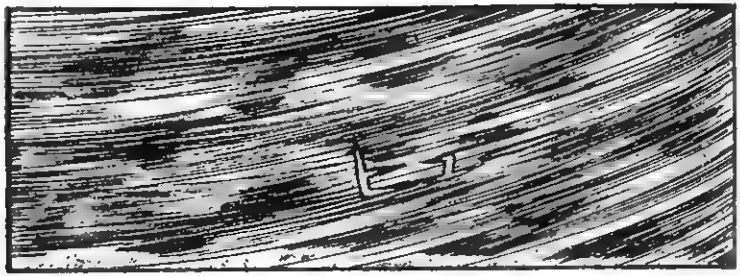
EARTH!
CRY OUT!
GO QUICKLY, OR I WILL SHOW YOU MY POWER AGAIN!
LET YOUR CRIES SUNDER THEM IN TWAIN!
SEA OF THE DESERT!
CRY OUT!
SCREAM FOR ME!
SEA!
...?


THAT'S IT!
...?!
HELL-BEAST!!

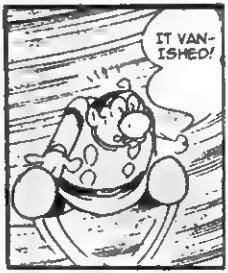
EEEEEK! IT R-R-REALLY WORKED!
DAMMIT!
ALL RIGHT MISSILE IT IS!
IT-- IT'S COMING THIS WAY!

WAIT! WAIT, 004!!
HUH?
LET'S SEE WHAT YOU THINK OF THIS!
TOO LATE.
003, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?


MAYBE SHE'S GOING LOOPY?
WHY DID YOU SHOOT THAT STONE WALL?
003!
SEE FOR YOUR-SELF!



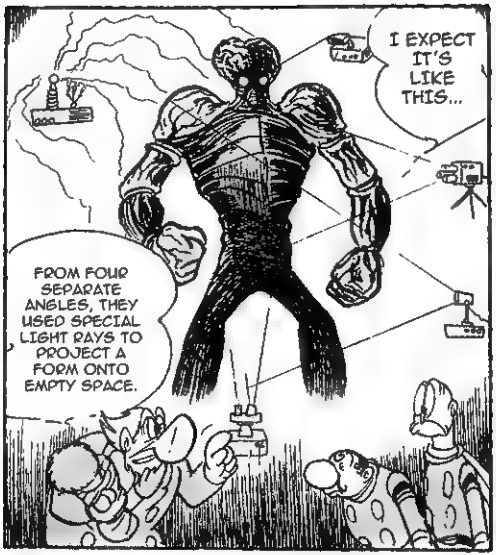
HEY, OUR SO-CALLED MOSES IS GONE TOO!

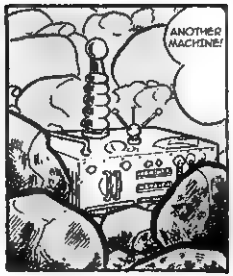

IT VANISHED!

I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS SORT OF MACHINE. HOWEVER...

I BELIEVE THIS IS TO BLAME.
HMM, SO HE IS.
003!

BUT...
I NOTICED SOMETHING WAS OFF WHEN HE DIDN'T NOTICE THE GUNS POINTED AT HIM, AND STARTED LOOKING AROUND...
THAT'S WHAT I THINK.
THEN... THIS IS THEIR DOING, TOO?!
IF IT COULD MAKE THAT KIND OF ILLUSION...
YES, THAT FOOLED ME AS WELL...
HE DEMOLISHED THOSE STONES.
WHEN HE WAS GOING NUTS WITH THAT STAFF BEFORE,
I BET THIS IS WHERE THE ELECTRICITY WAS COMING FROM.
WOULD SOMEONE PLEASE CHECK THE AREA WHERE THAT MAN WAS STANDING?
AS A RESULT, IT DIDN'T OCCUR TO ME TO CHECK THE AREA WITH MY X-RAY RADAR.
HERE, TOO!
FOUND IT!

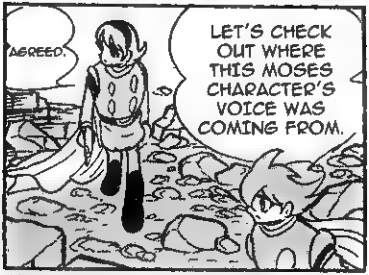

I EXPECT IT'S LIKE THIS...
FROM FOUR SEPARATE ANGLES, THEY USED SPECIAL LIGHT RAYS TO PROJECT A FORM ONTO EMPTY SPACE.

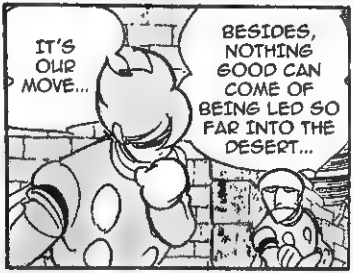

ANOTHER MACHINE!

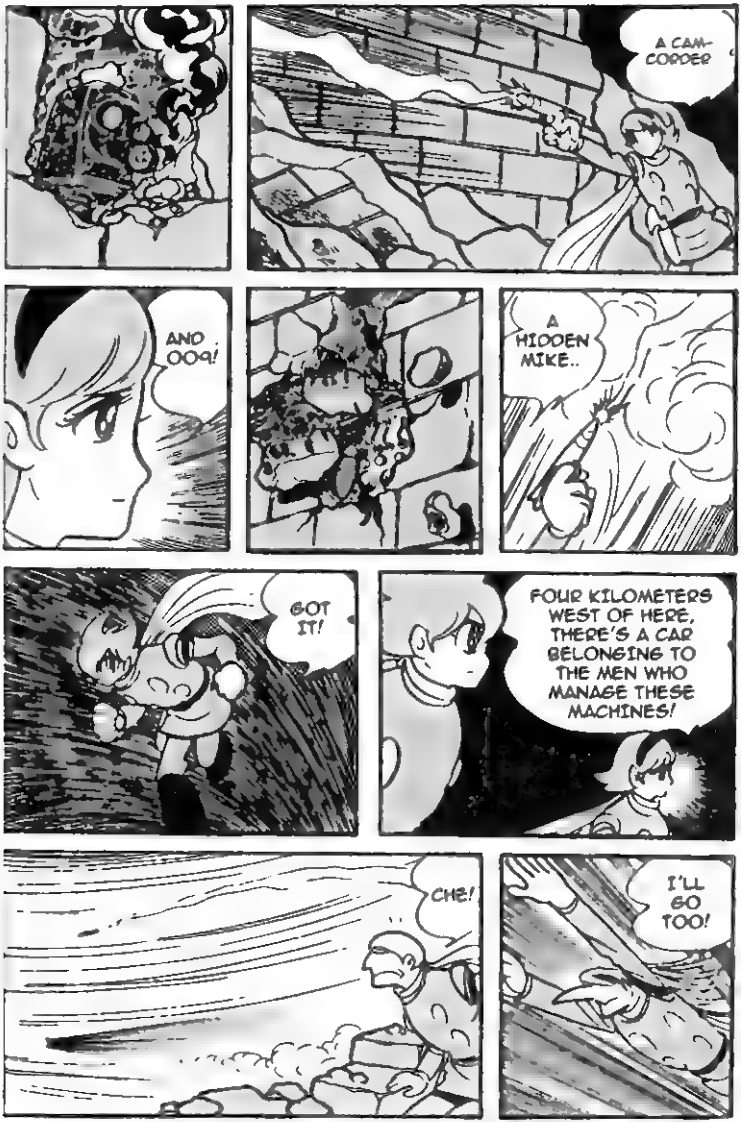
I STILL DON'T GET IT.

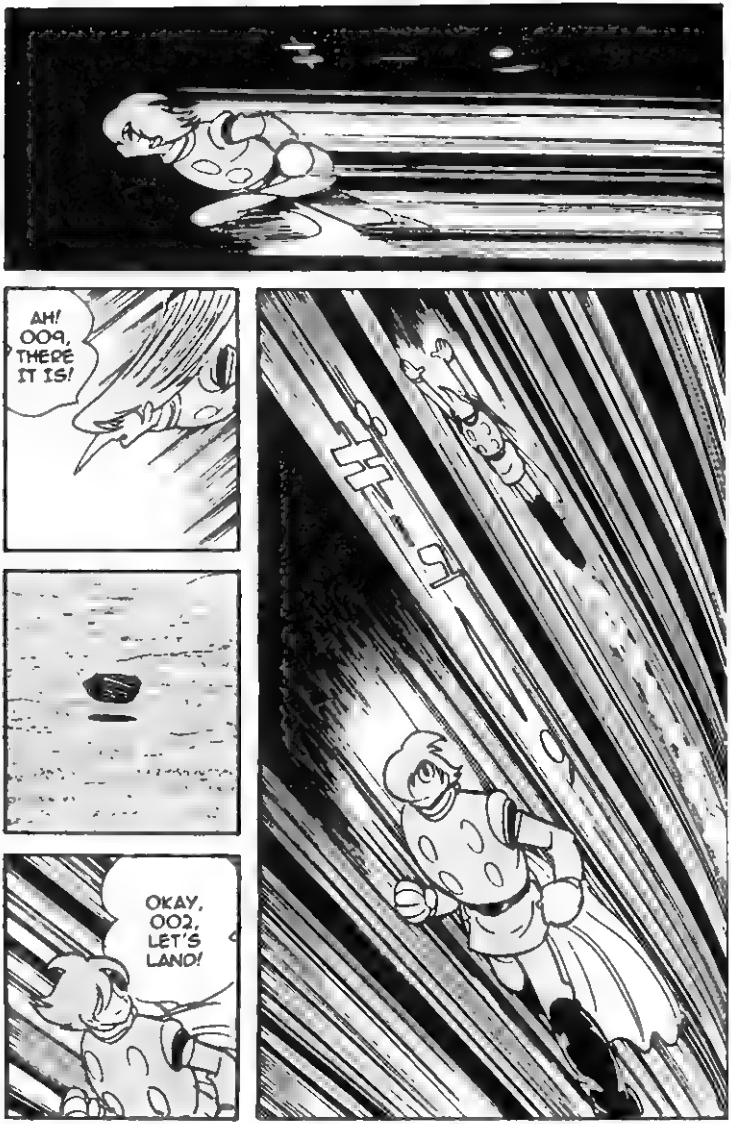
WE SHOULD GET A MOVE ON. I DOUBT THE NEXT THREAT WILL BE A FAKE ONE.

LOOKS LIKE IT. THEIR BASE MUST BE NEAR!
HM. SO ALL THIS WAS TO KEEP OUT INTRUDERS, HUH?


AGREED.
LET'S CHECK OUT WHERE THIS MOSES CHARACTER'S VOICE WAS COMING FROM.

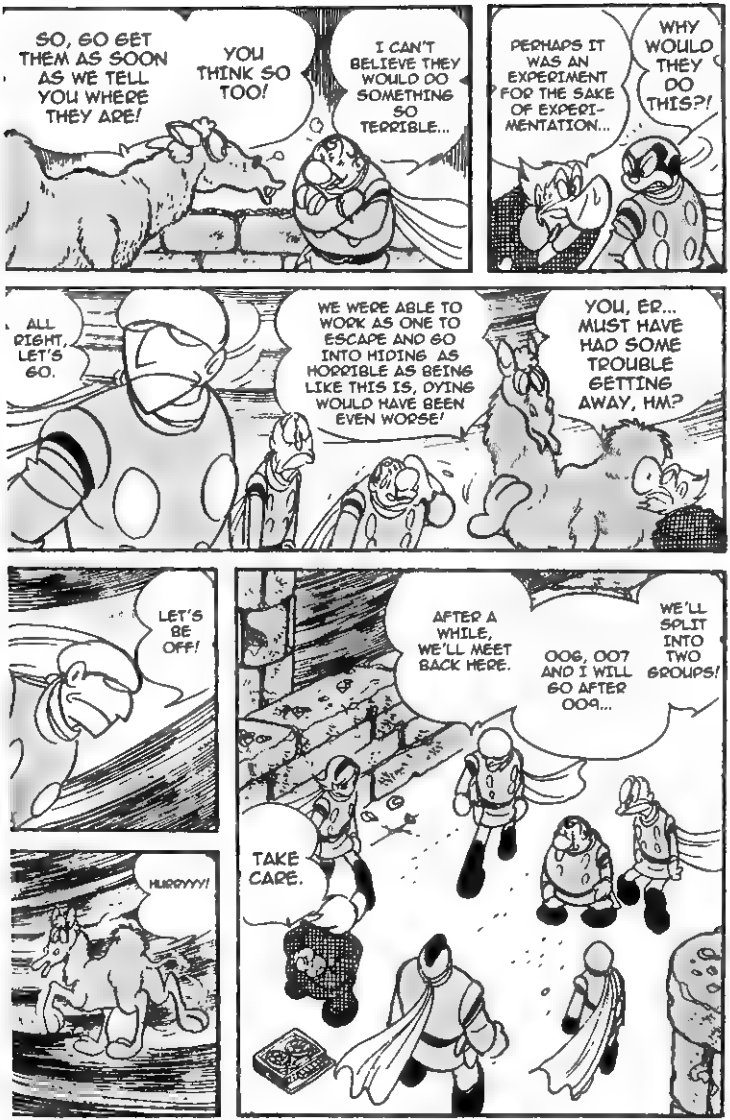

IT'S OUR MOVE...
BESIDES, NOTHING GOOD CAN COME OF BEING LED SO FAR INTO THE DESERT...

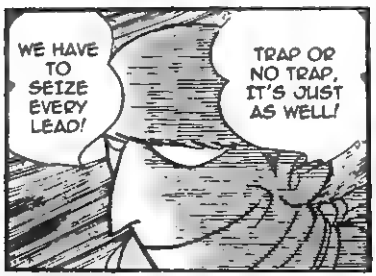

A CAM-CORDER
AND 009!
A HIDDEN MIKE..
GOT IT!
FOUR KILOMETERS WEST OF HERE, THERE'S A CAR BELONGING TO THE MEN WHO MANAGE THESE MACHINES!
CHE!
I'LL GO TOO!

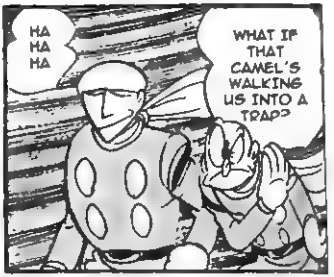

AH! 009, THERE IT IS!
OKAY, 002, LET'S LAND!

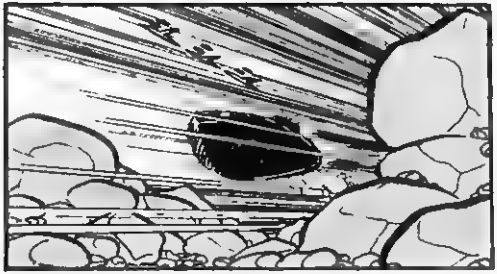
ODDS ARE THAT CAR WILL BE HEADED BACK TO THEIR BASE.
QUIETLY, NOW -- LET'S FOLLOW THEM!
IT'S MOVING!
LOOK!

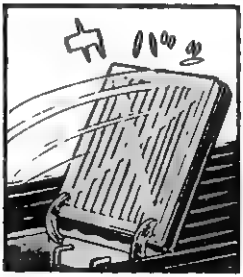
FOR NOW, WE'LL WAIT UNTIL THEY LOCATE THE BASE AND COME BACK.
HEHEHE, GIVE ME SOME TIME...
PROFFESSOR GILMORE, YOU REALLY GOTTA GET THOSE FOR THE REST OF US.
AND THEIR SUPER SPEED UPGRADES!
"WHISTLE" I ENVY THOSE TWO...
IT'S A TALKING CAMEL!
WAH, I FORGOT ABOUT YOU!
WANT ME TO SHOW YOU?
BASE, HUH? I KNOW WHERE THAT IS!
YOU SEEM LIKE GOOD GUYS...
THEY STUCK US TOGETHER LIKE THIS!
BUT THOSE OTHER GUYS ARE THE WORST!
YOU'RE TOO KIND, REALLY.
S-SO, THEY WERE WORKED ON BY THEM TOO?
I SEE. THEY TRANSFERRED THE MINDS OF A MAN AND A WOMAN INTO A CAMEL!
PROMISE YOU'LL SHOOT THEM FOR US!
IF WE TAKE YOU TO THE BASE,


SO, GO GET THEM AS SOON AS WE TELL YOU WHERE THEY ARE!
YOU THINK SO TOO!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY WOULD DO SOMETHING SO TERRIBLE...
PERHAPS IT WAS AN EXPERIMENT FOR THE SAKE OF EXPERIMENTATION...
WHY WOULD THEY DO THIS?!
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO.
WE WERE ABLE TO WORK AS ONE TO ESCAPE AND GO INTO HIDING AS HORRIBLE AS BEING LIKE THIS IS, DYING WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN WORSE!
YOU, ER... MUST HAVE HAD SOME TROUBLE GETTING AWAY, HM?
LET'S BE OFF!
AFTER A WHILE, WE'LL MEET BACK HERE.
OOG, OO7 AND I WILL GO AFTER OO9...
WE'LL SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS!
TAKE CARE.
HURRYYY!

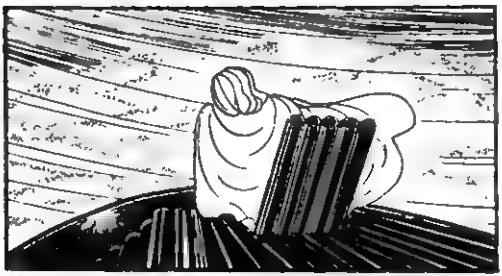

WE HAVE TO SEIZE EVERY LEAD!
TRAP OR NO TRAP, IT'S JUST AS WELL!


HA HA HA
WHAT IF THAT CAMEL'S WALKING US INTO A TRAP?

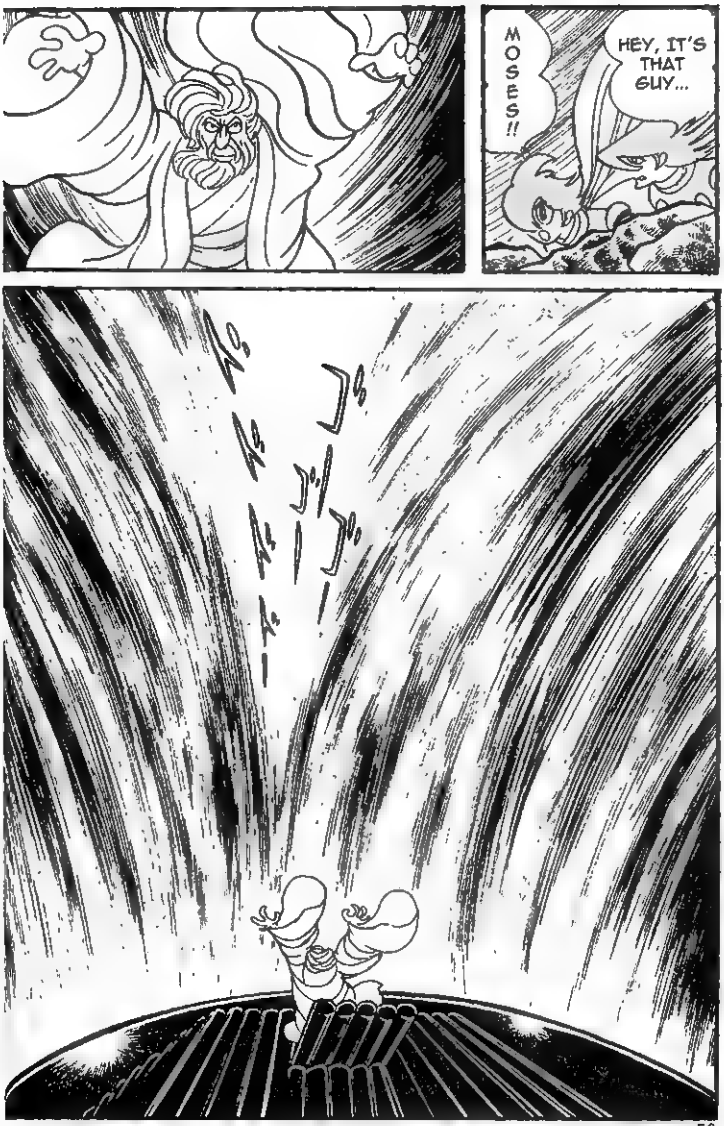




LOOK — SOMEONE'S GETTING OUT!
HEY, IT STOPPED!



HUH —


MOSES!!
HEY, IT'S THAT GUY...

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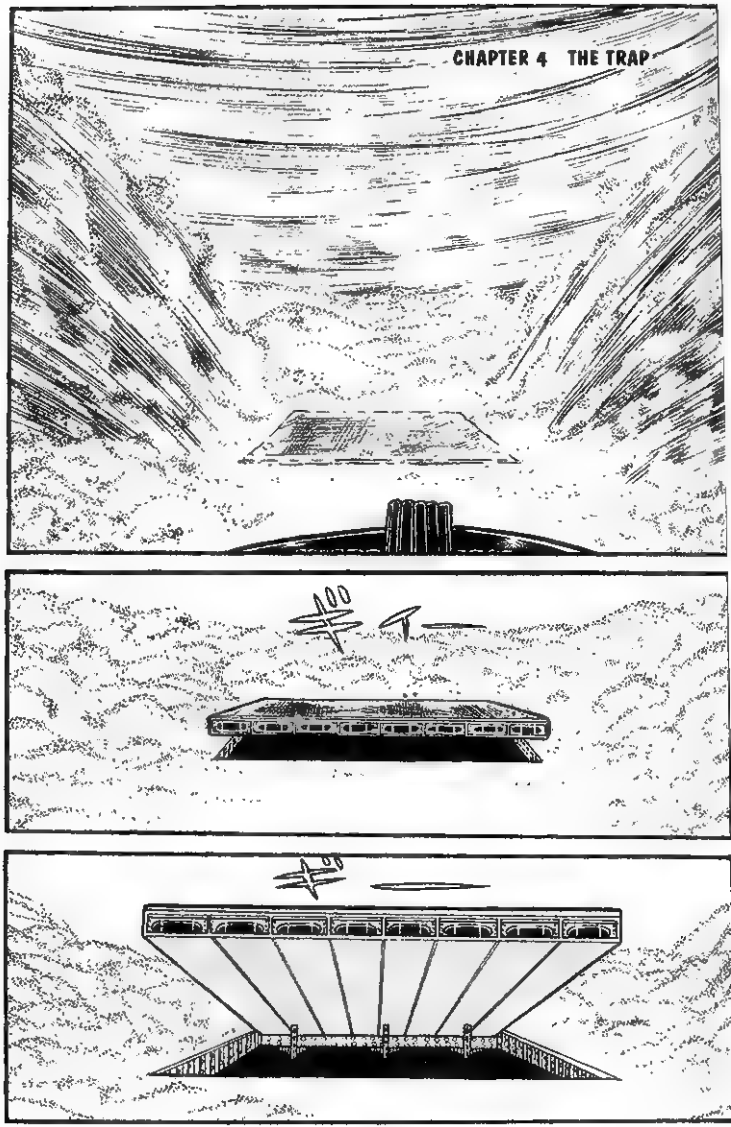
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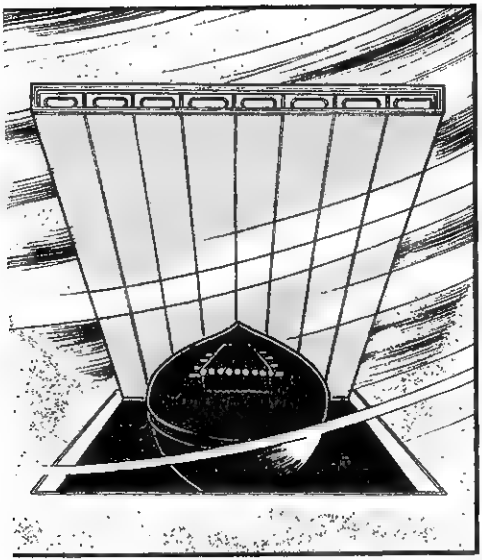
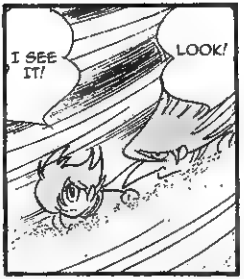
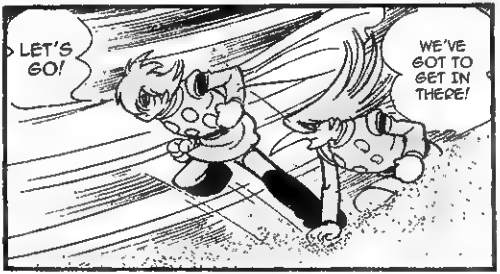
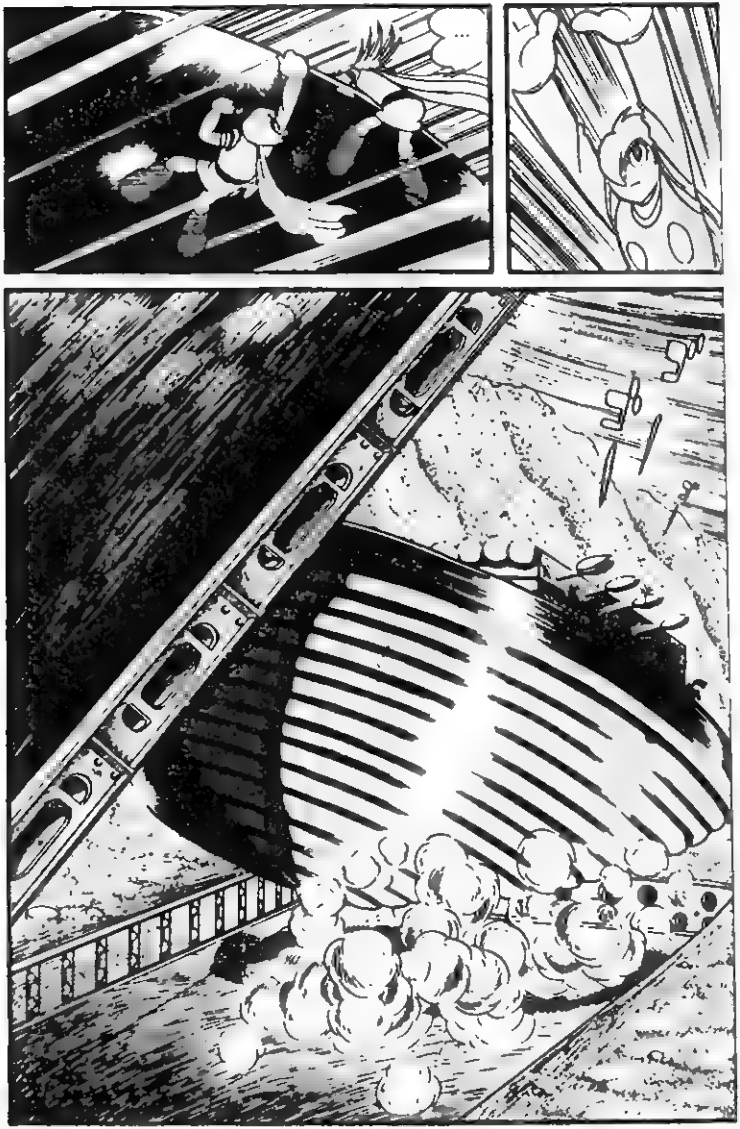


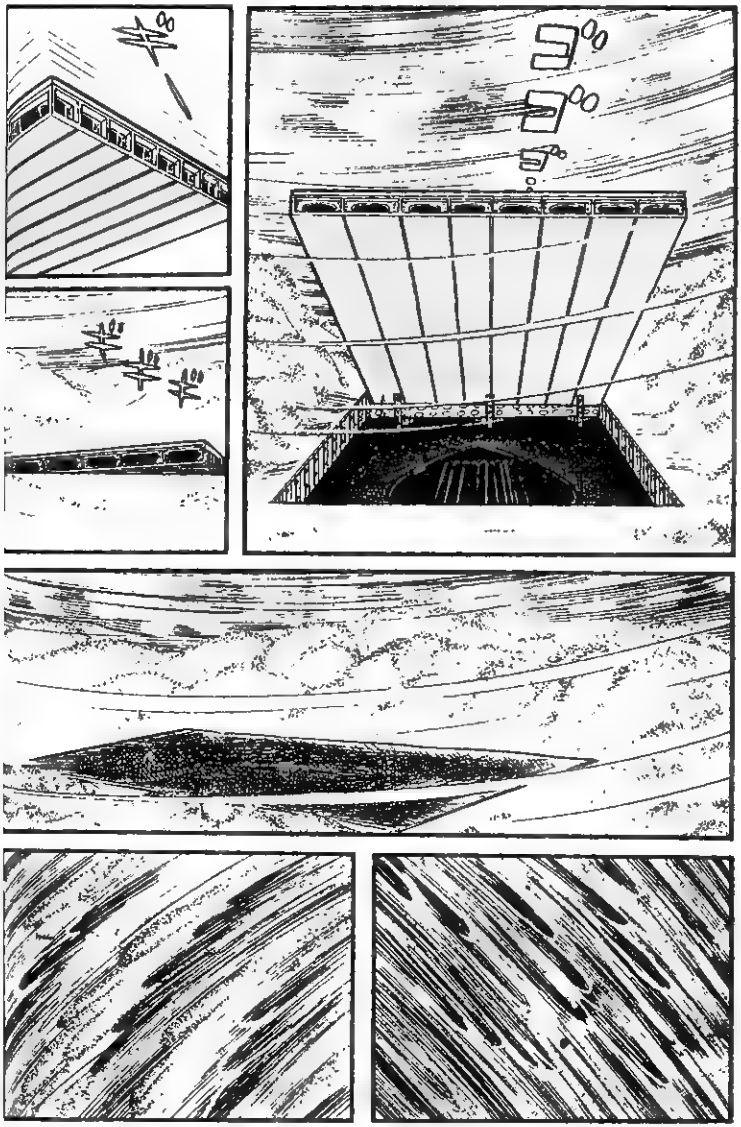

I SEE IT!
LOOK!

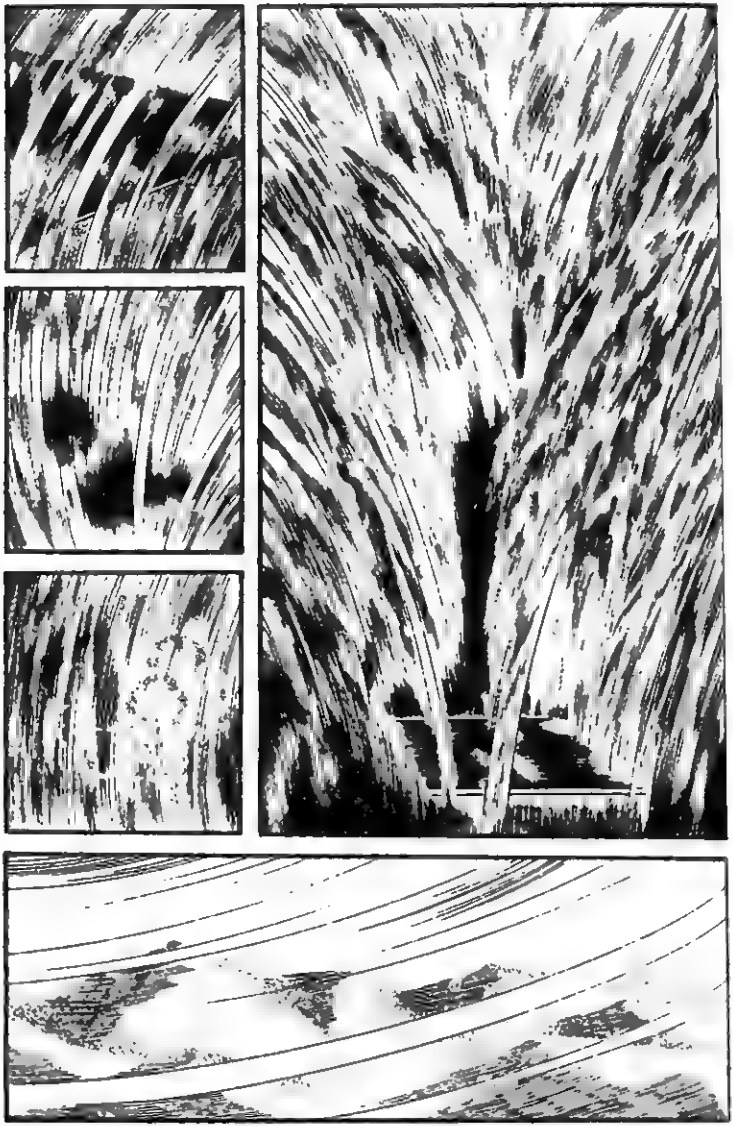
SO THEIR SECRET BASE WAS BENEATH THE DESERT ALL ALONG...

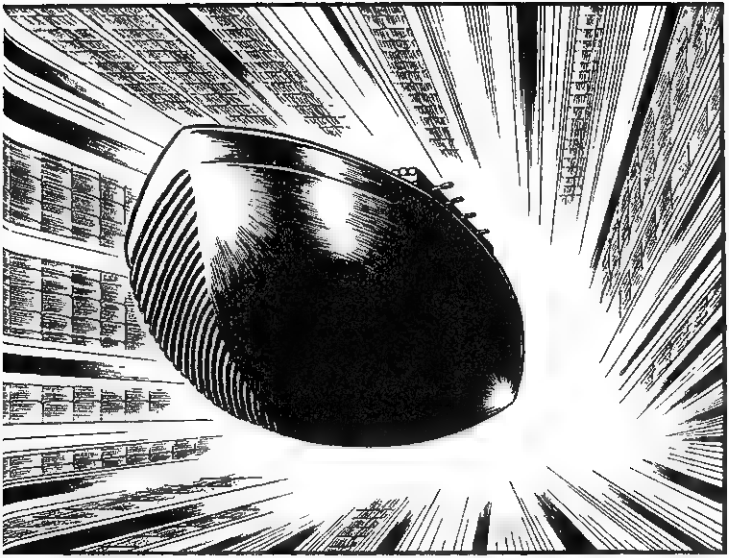
CHICK

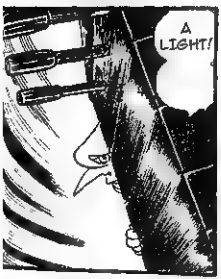

LET'S GO!
WE'VE GOT TO GET IN THERE!



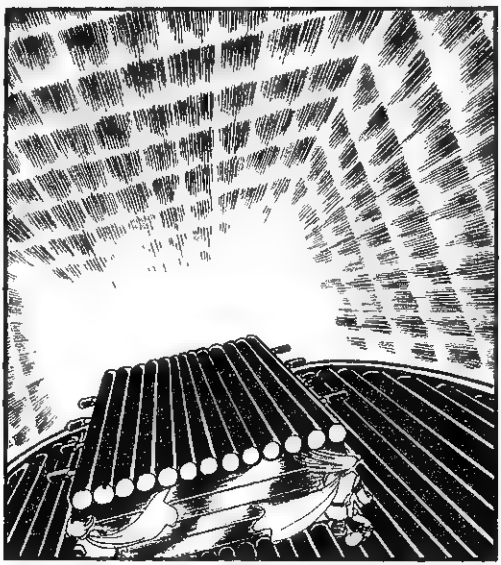


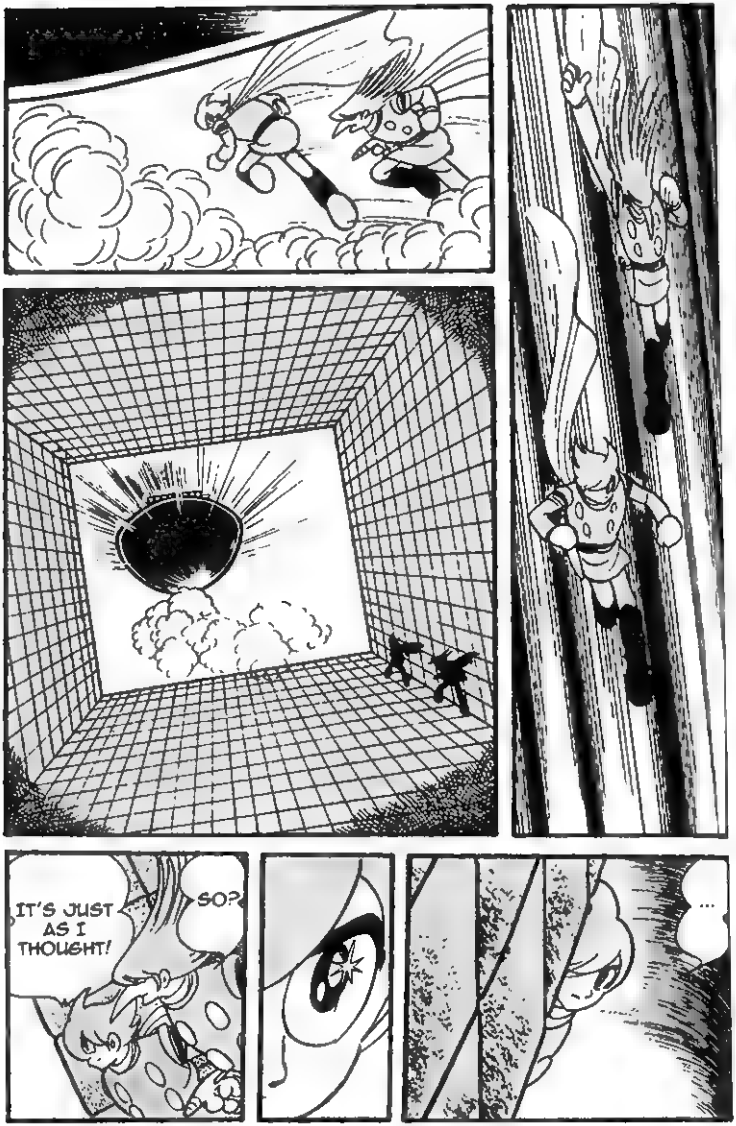





A LIGHT!

WE'LL HAVE TO DROP DOWN AND HIDE!




IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT!
SO?
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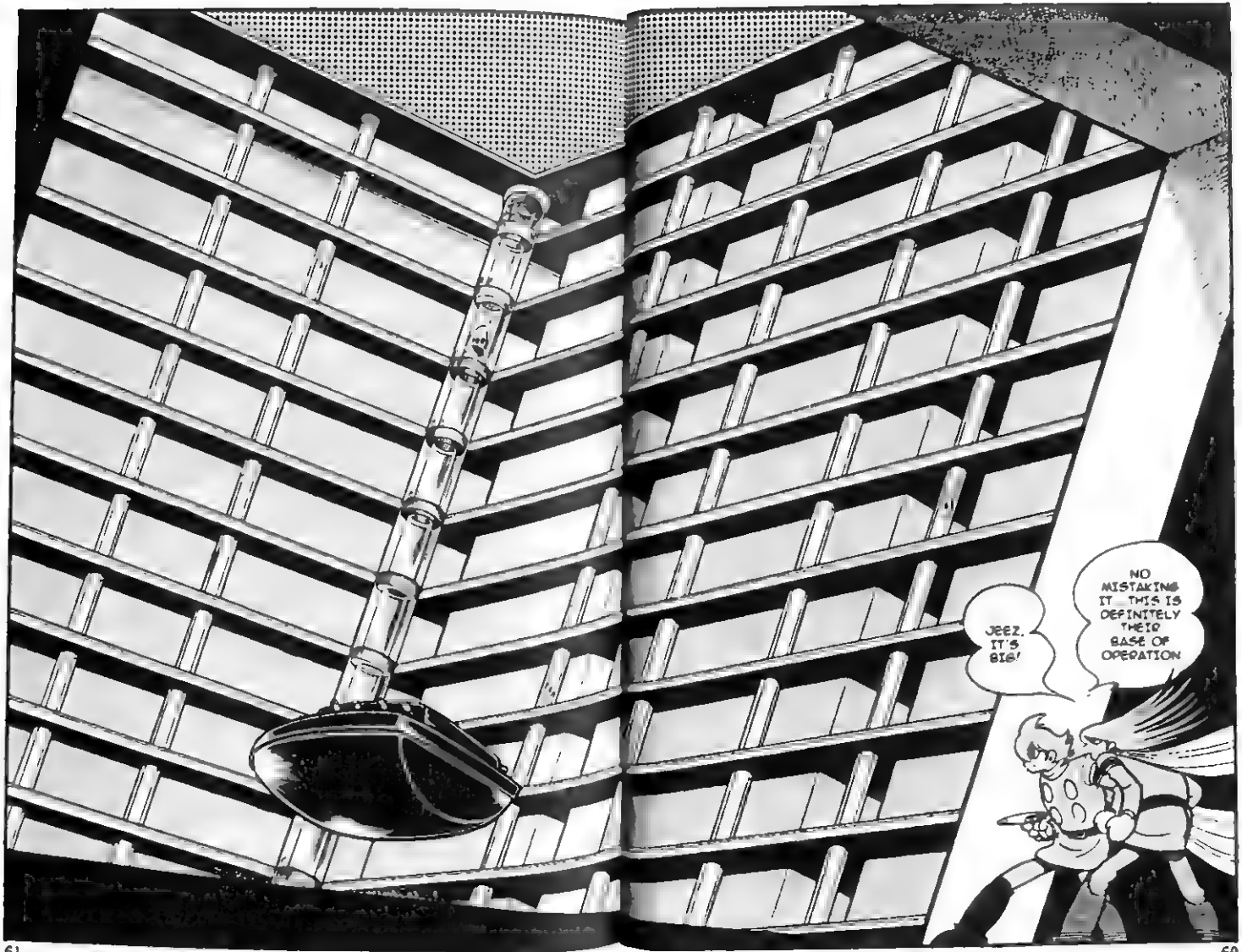
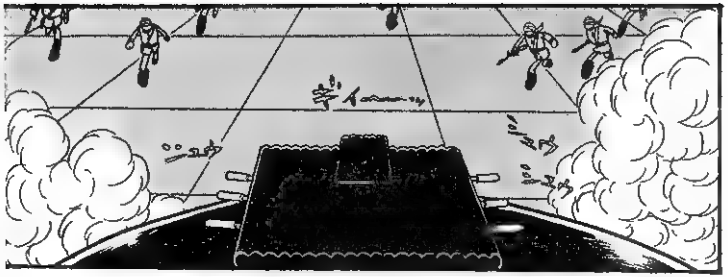
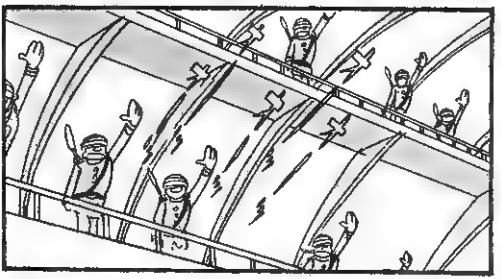
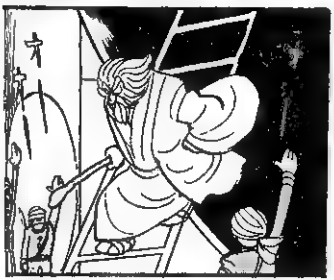

JEEZ. IT'S BIG!
NO MISTAKING IT—THIS IS DEFINITELY THE IO BASE OF OPERATION

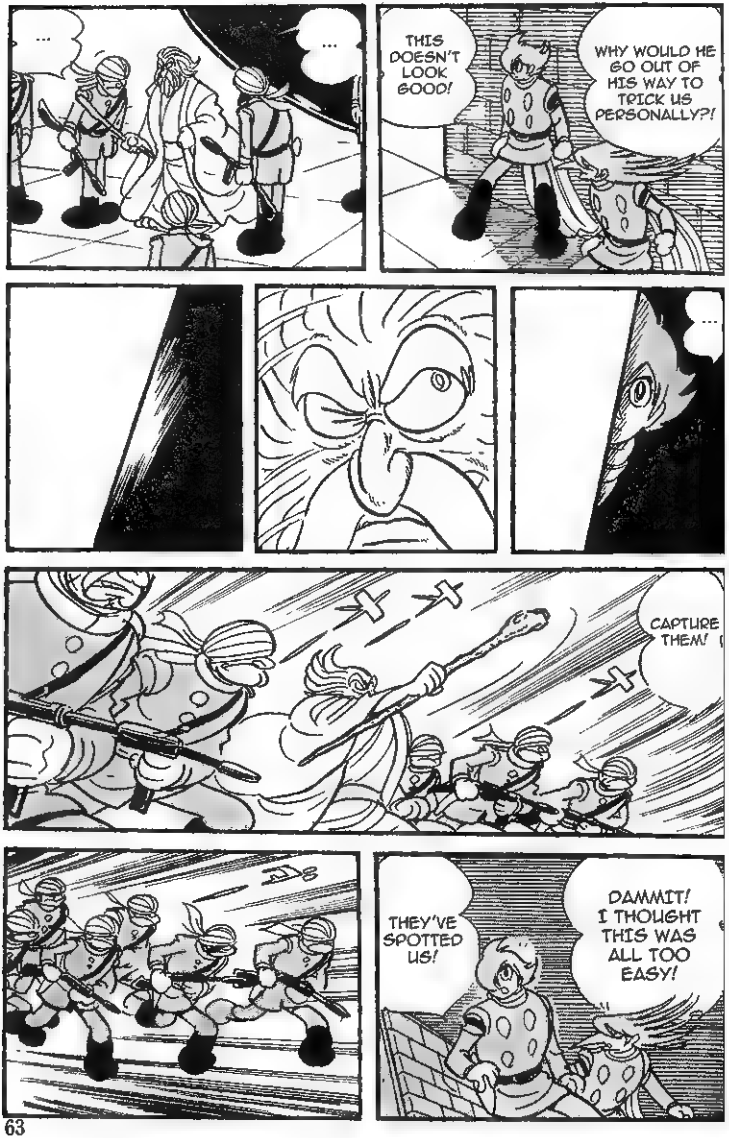


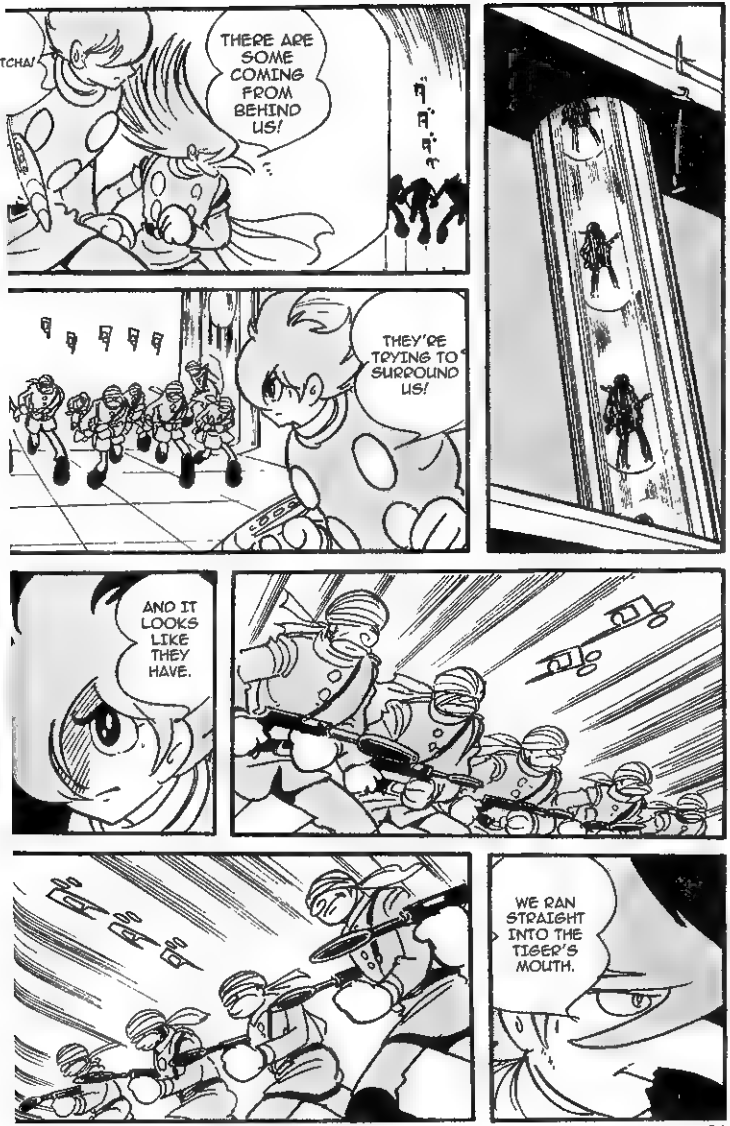
LOOK OVER THERE.





MORE THAN A BIG SHOT IF HE IS...
LOOKS LIKE THAT GUY'S THEIR LEADER. SOME KIND OF BIG SHOT, HUH?


...
...
THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD!
WHY WOULD HE GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO TRICK US PERSONALLY?!
...
CAPTURE THEM!
THEY'VE SPOTTED US!
DAMMIT! I THOUGHT THIS WAS ALL TOO EASY!


GOTCHA!
THERE ARE SOME COMING FROM BEHIND US!
THEY'RE TRYING TO SURROUND US!
AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY HAVE.
WE RAN STRAIGHT INTO THE TIGER'S MOUTH.

I KNOW OF YOU. I READ ABOUT YOU IN BLACK GHOST'S DATA!
HU HU HU
A COUPLE OF OO-NUMBERED CYBORGS!
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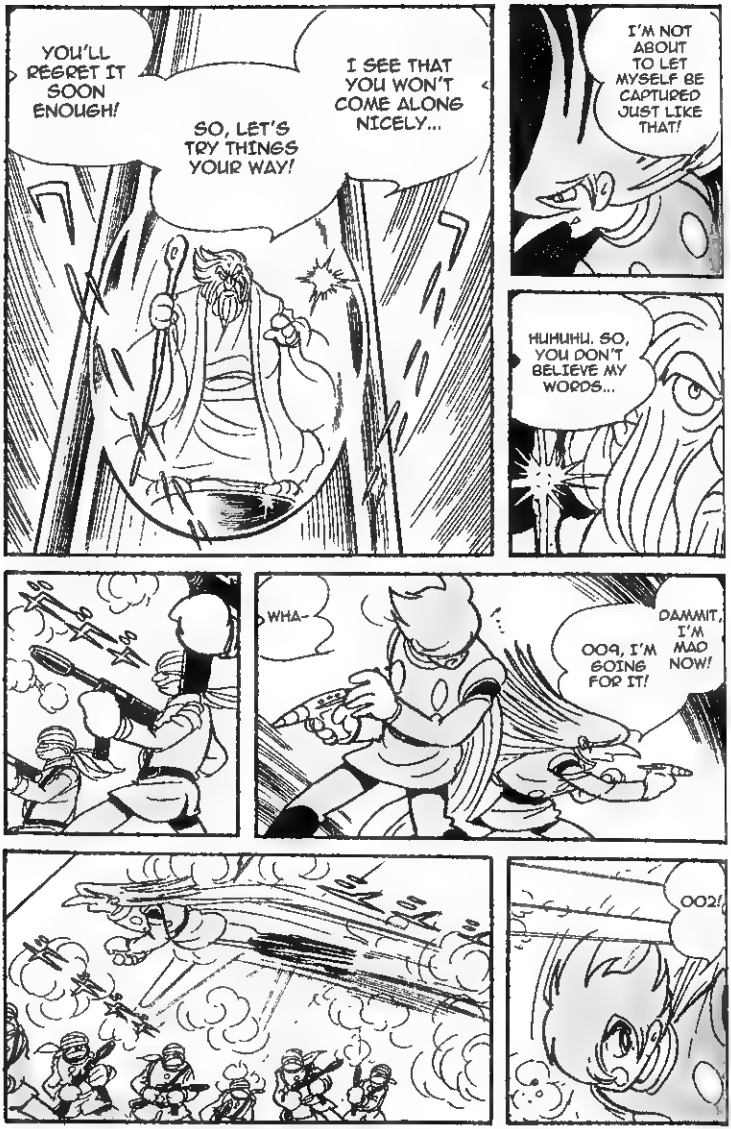
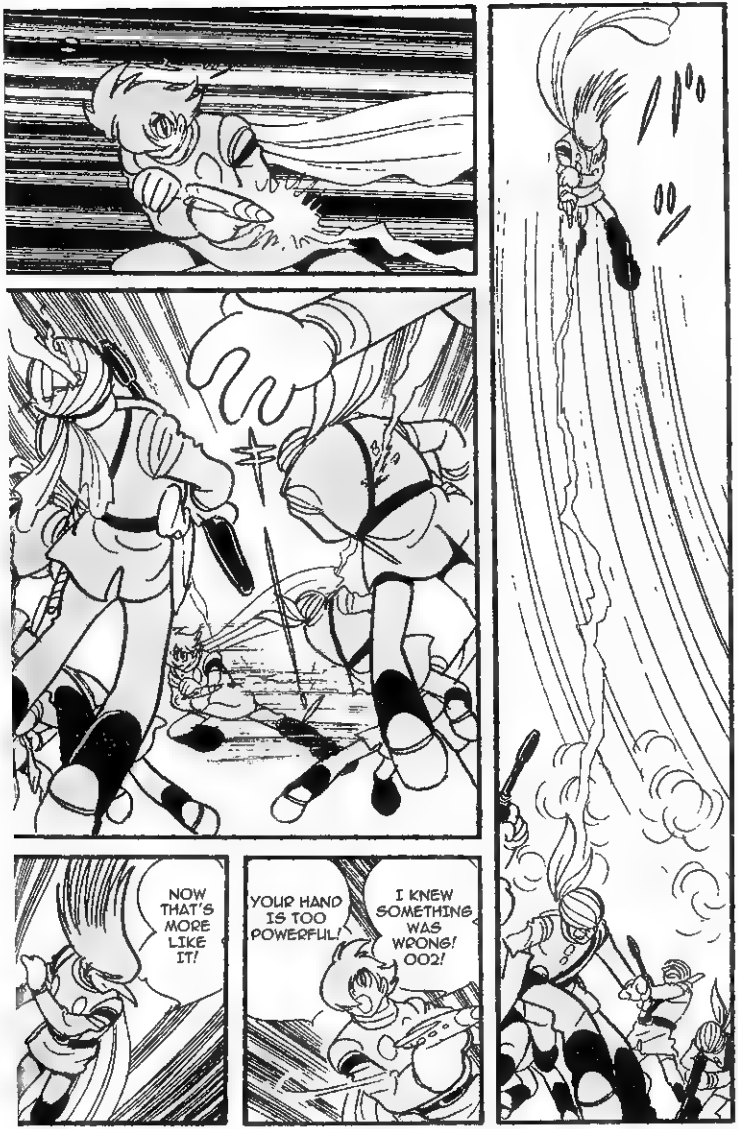
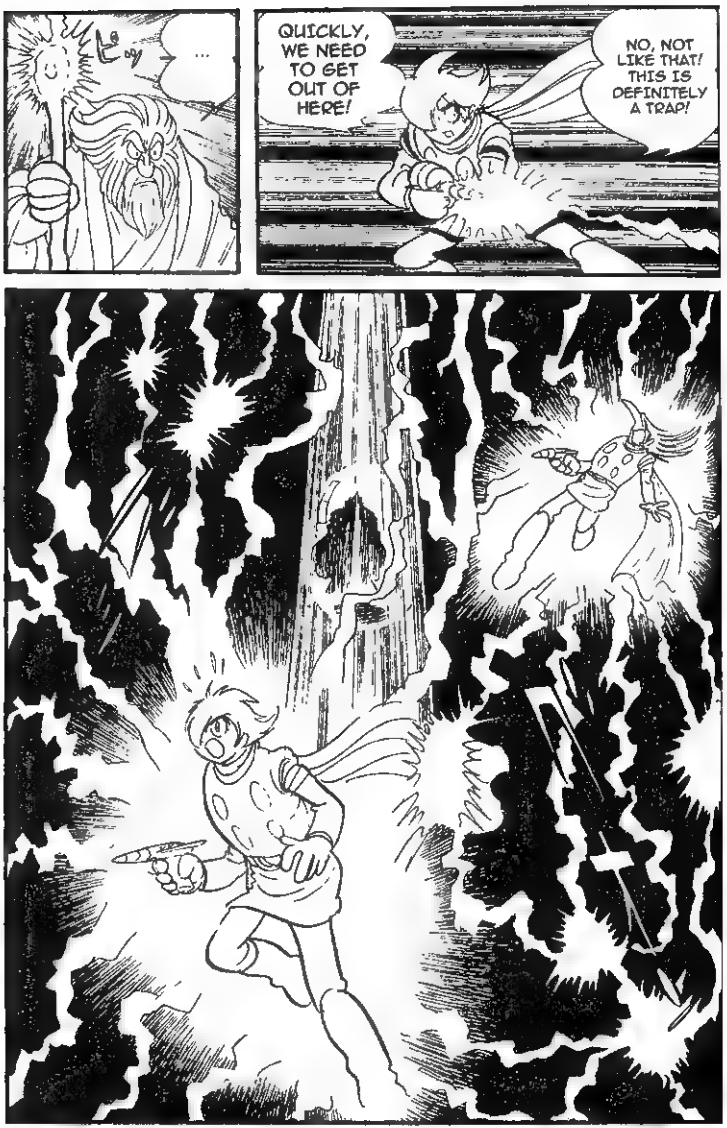
BLACK GHOST ...?!
HUH?!
SO, I LURED YOU HERE. HUHUHU...
CONSE-QUENTLY, I WANTED TO STUDY YOUR FIGHTING METHODS ..
IF EVEN ONE CELL REMAINS, WE WILL REGENERATE!
EVEN IF YOU DESTROY US, BLACK GHOST WILL NOT BE FINISHED!
WHAT THEY SAID IS TRUE!

IT'S JUST A SHAME NOT ALL OF YOUR PARTY WAS TEMPTED HERE, IT MATTERS NOT.
HU HU HU
WITHOUT FAIL, AGAIN AND AGAIN, BLACK GHOST WILL APPEAR!
SO THIS IS THAT "CELL"!
ANOTHER OF US WILL BRING THEM TO THEIR ENDS SOON ENOUGH.
WAIT, 002!
LET'S GET 'EM, 009!
THIS IS JUST ANOTHER OF HIS TRICKS.
CHE, LISTEN TO THAT OLD COOT!
IF YOU TREASURE YOUR LIFE, YOU HAD BEST DO AS I SAY!
DO YOU UNDER-STAND NOW, CYBORG?
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND!
SOMETHING ABOUT THIS DOESN'T ADD UP...
BESIDES THAT, THERE'S A CHANCE HE COULD HAVE SOMETHING ELSE UP HIS SLEEVE...
WE DON'T KNOW FOR SURE THAT THEY WON'T ATTACK.


YOU'LL REGRET IT SOON ENOUGH!
SO, LET'S TRY THINGS YOUR WAY!
I SEE THAT YOU WON'T COME ALONG NICELY...
I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET MYSELF BE CAPTURED JUST LIKE THAT!
HUHUHU. SO, YOU DON'T BELIEVE MY WORDS...
WHA-
009, I'M GOING FOR IT!
DAMMIT, I'M MAD NOW!
002!


I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG! 002!
YOUR HAND IS TOO POWERFUL!
NOW THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!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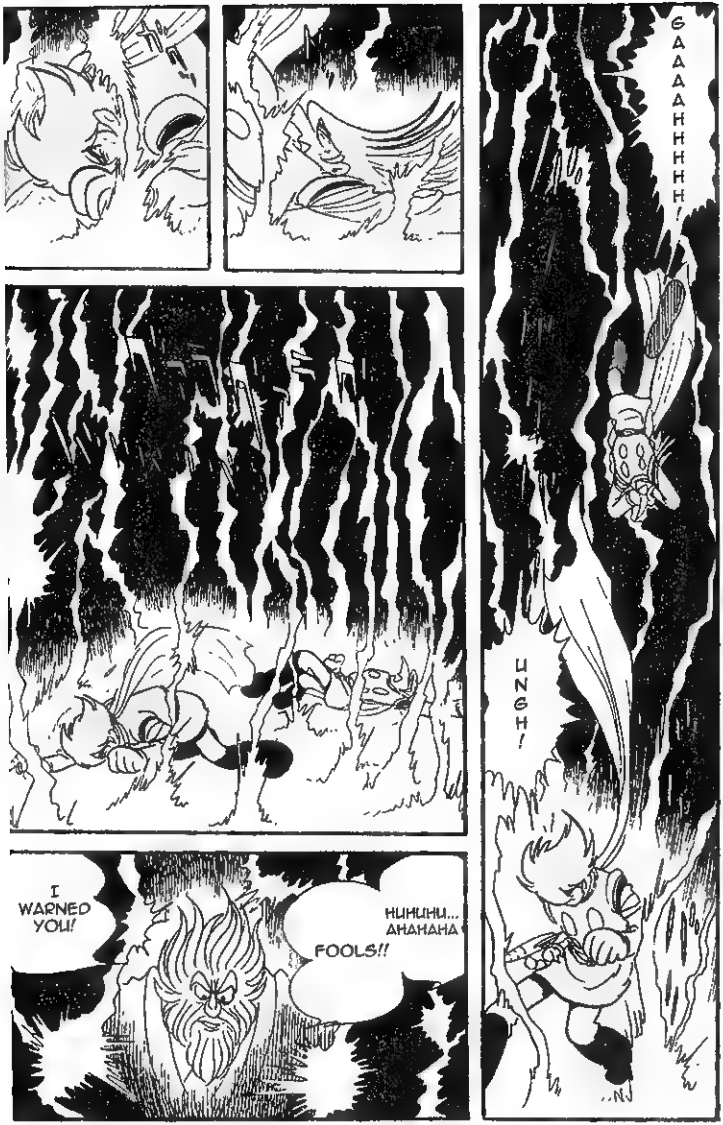
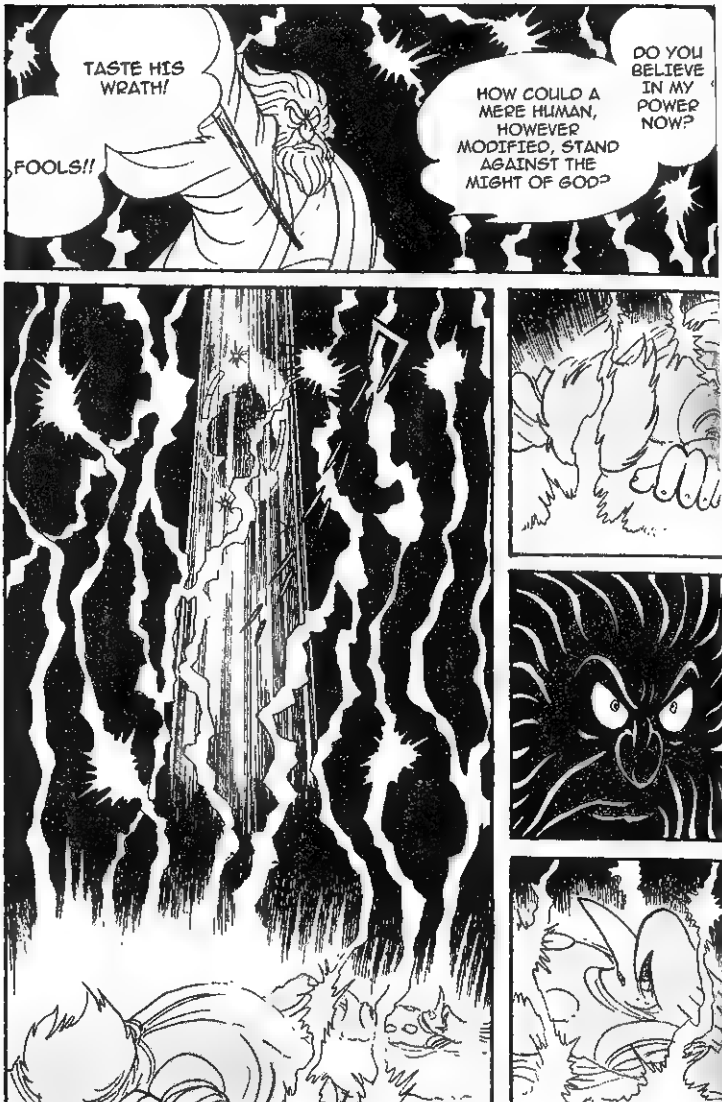
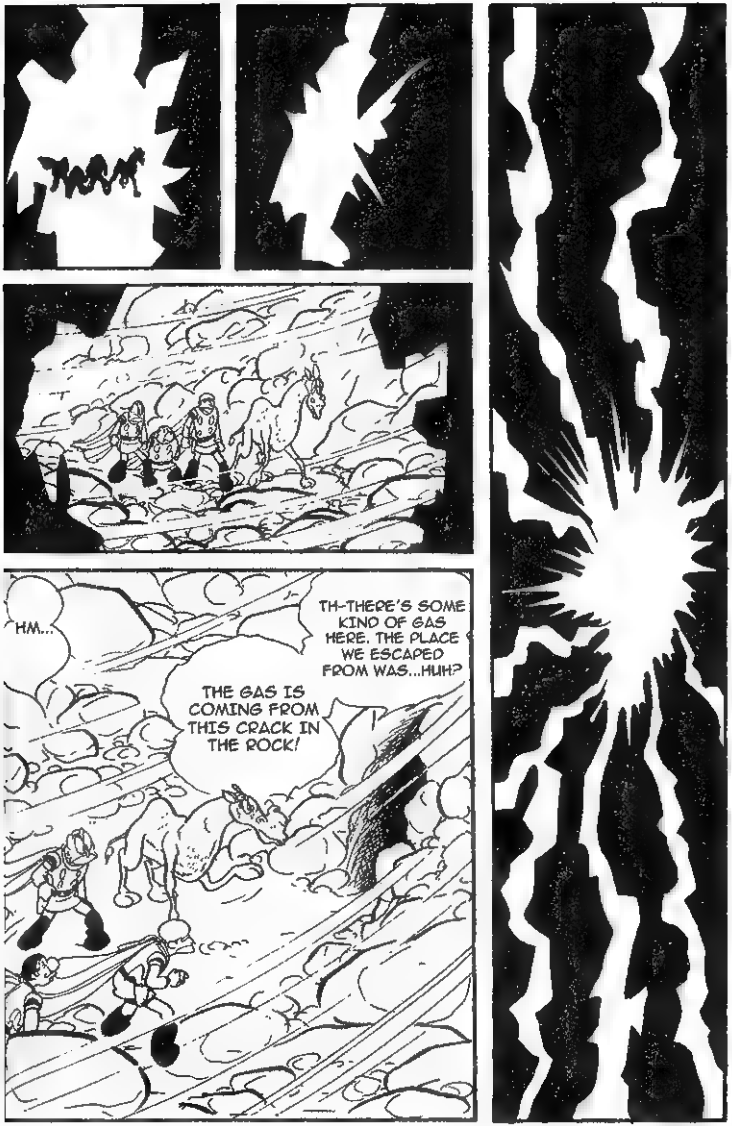
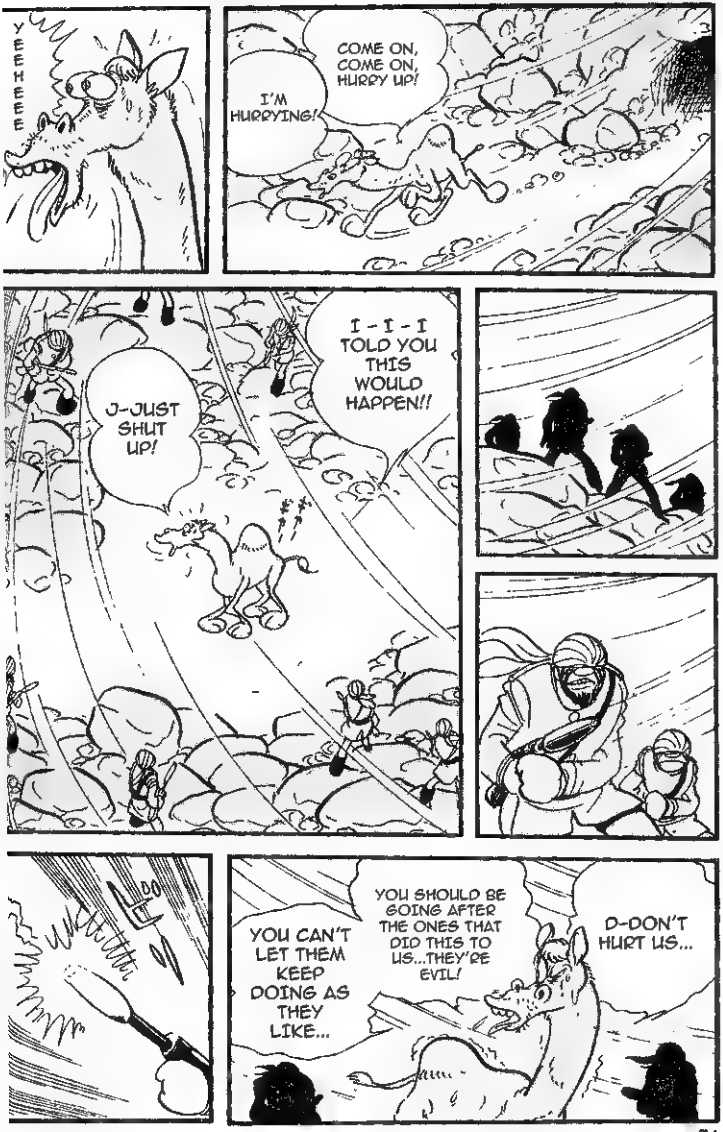
...
QUICKLY, WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE!
NO, NOT LIKE THAT! THIS IS DEFINITELY A TRAP!

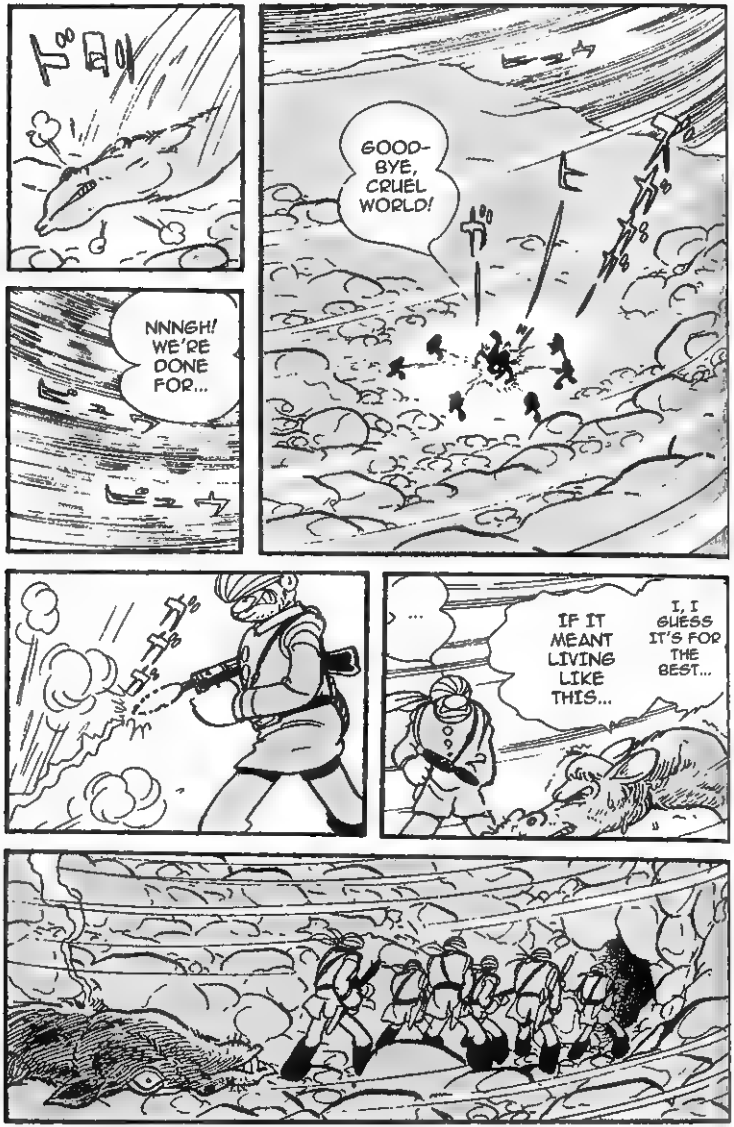

GAAAAHHHHH!
UNGH!
HUHUHU... AHAHAHA
FOOLS!!
I WARNED YOU!


TASTE HIS WRATH!
FOOLS!!
HOW COULD A MERE HUMAN, HOWEVER MODIFIED, STAND AGAINST THE MIGHT OF GOD?
DO YOU BELIEVE IN MY POWER NOW?


HM...
TH-THERE'S SOME KIND OF GAS HERE. THE PLACE WE ESCAPED FROM WAS...HUH?
THE GAS IS COMING FROM THIS CRACK IN THE ROCK!

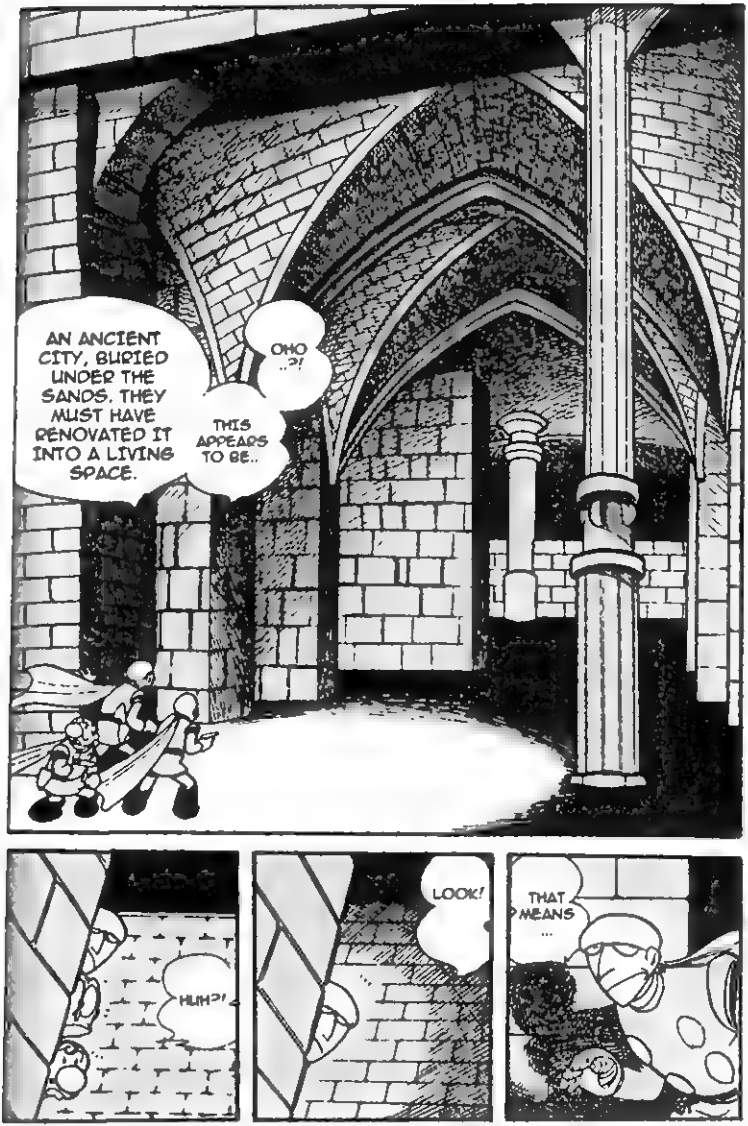
SHH! I GET IT, I GET IT!
WHAT WILL WE DO IF WE'RE CAPTURED AGAIN?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU JUST CAME HERE WITHOUT LISTENING TO ME AT ALL!
SO IT IS.
...
YOU REALLY ARE BRAVE SOULS.
THIS IS WHERE OUR WORLD WAS TURNED UPSIDE-DOWN...
OKAY.
LET'S GO!
KEEP UP THAT LOUD NAGGING AND WE'LL DEFINITELY BE FOUND OUT!
PLEASE, IF YOU DO DEFEAT THEM... DON'T WASTE ANY TIME GETTING OUR BODIES BACK!
YOU, TOO.
THANKS. YOU REALLY HELPED US OUT! TAKE CARE ON YOUR WAY BACK.
...
SEE YOU...
UNDER-STOOD!
OF COURSE!

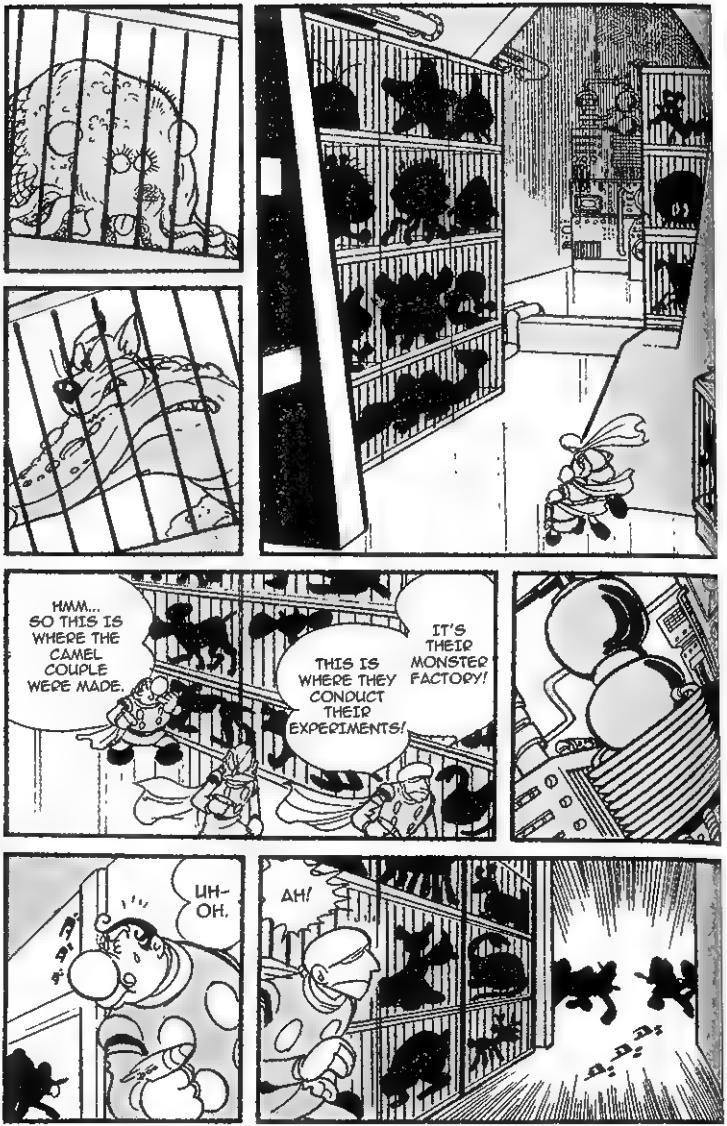

YEEHEEE
COME ON, COME ON, HURRY UP!
I'M HURRYING!
I-I-I TOLD YOU THIS WOULD HAPPEN!!
J-JUST SHUT UP!
YOU SHOULD BE GOING AFTER THE ONES THAT DID THIS TO US...THEY'RE EVIL!
D-DON'T HURT US...
YOU CAN'T LET THEM KEEP DOING AS THEY LIKE...

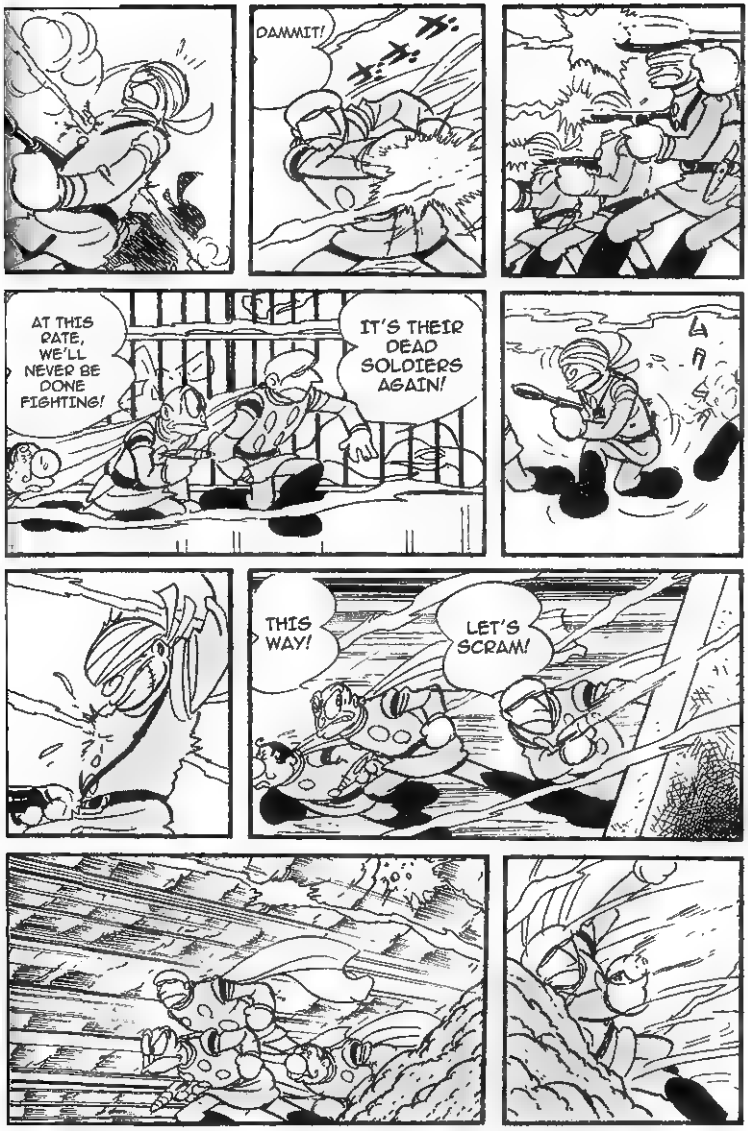

GOOD-BYE, CRUEL WORLD!
NNNGH! WE'RE DONE FOR...
...
IF IT MEANT LIVING LIKE THIS...
I, I GUESS IT'S FOR THE BEST...

BE CARE-FUL!
IT'S AN EXIT!

SA SA SA
I SEE...
THIS CRACK WENT UNNOTICED.
ALL CLEAR, NO ONE'S AROUND.
HM...

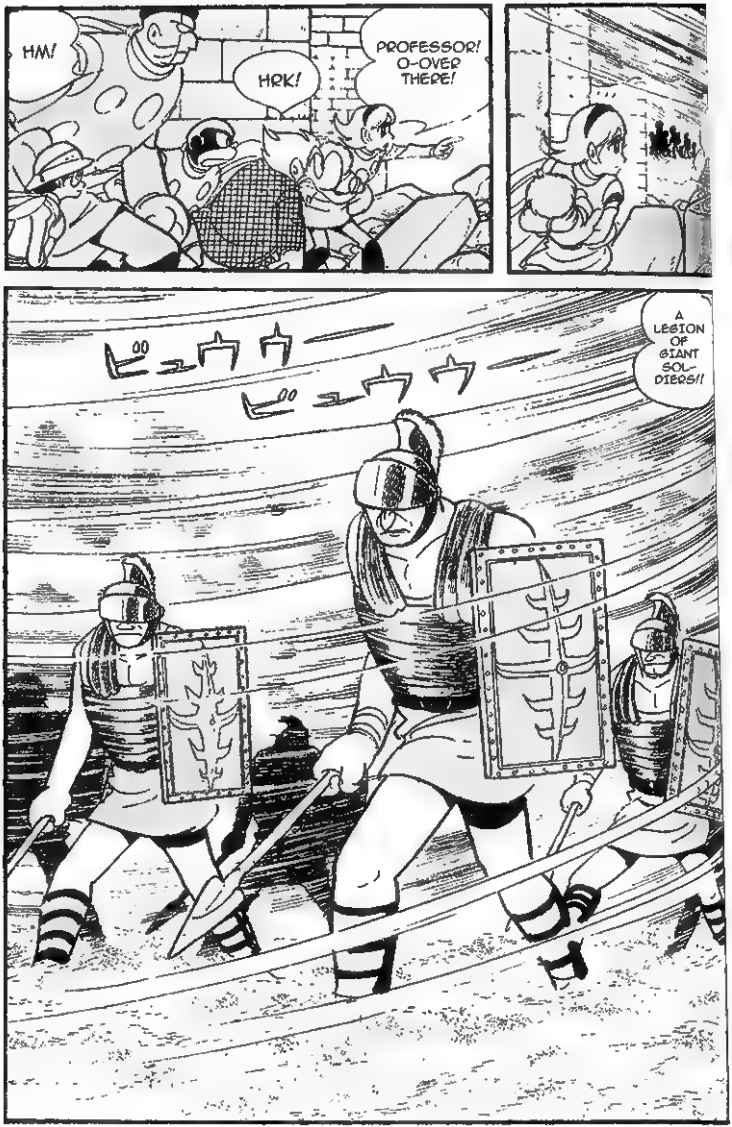

AN ANCIENT CITY, BURIED UNDER THE SANDS. THEY MUST HAVE RENOVATED IT INTO A LIVING SPACE.
OHO ..?!
THIS APPEARS TO BE..
HUH?!
LOOK!
THAT MEANS ...


HMM... SO THIS IS WHERE THE CAMEL COUPLE WERE MADE.
THIS IS WHERE THEY CONDUCT THEIR EXPERIMENTS!
IT'S THEIR MONSTER FACTORY!
UH-OH.
AH!


DAMMIT!
AT THIS RATE, WE'LL NEVER BE DONE FIGHTING!
IT'S THEIR DEAD SOLDIERS AGAIN!
THIS WAY!
LET'S SCRAM!

CHAPTER 6
THE HELL BEAST
GKH
GYAAH!
IT'S THE MONSTER FROM THE PROJECTOR!
THIS LOOKS LIKE THE REAL DEAL!
BUT WHAT IS IT DOING HERE ?

IT'S A CREATURE OF HELL! JUST LIKE YOU, CYBORGS. YOU MAY AS WELL SURRENDER. YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THIS MONSTER!
HUHUHU... IT CERTAINLY IS REAL!
HUHUHU
DEAD?!
009 AND 002?
WH-WHAT?
ARE DEAD!
YOUR ALLIES, WHO DISREGARDED MY ADVICE...
MOREOVER...


HM!
HRK!
PROFESSOR! O-OVER THERE!
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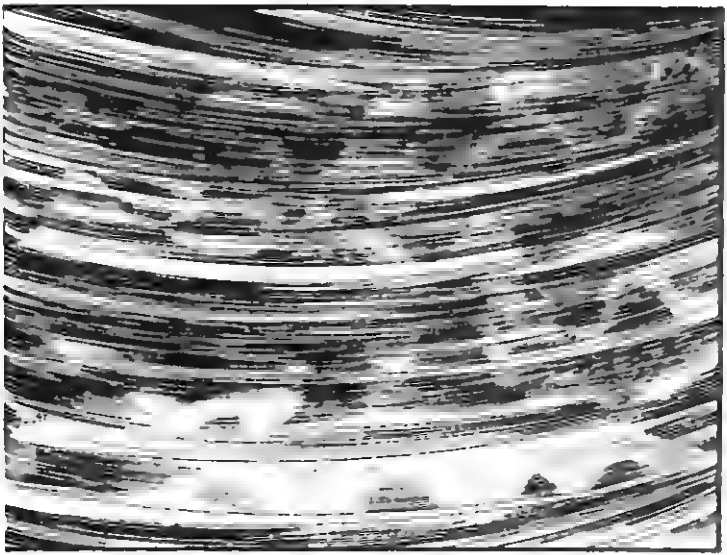
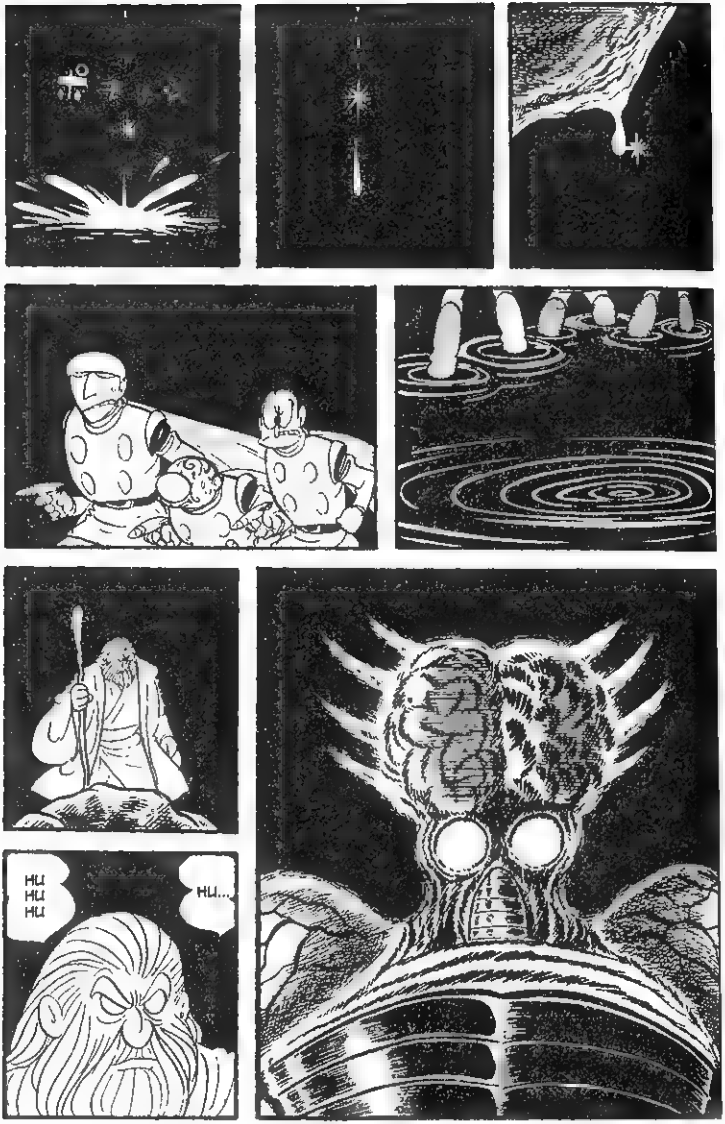
A LEGION OF GIANT SOL-DIERS!!

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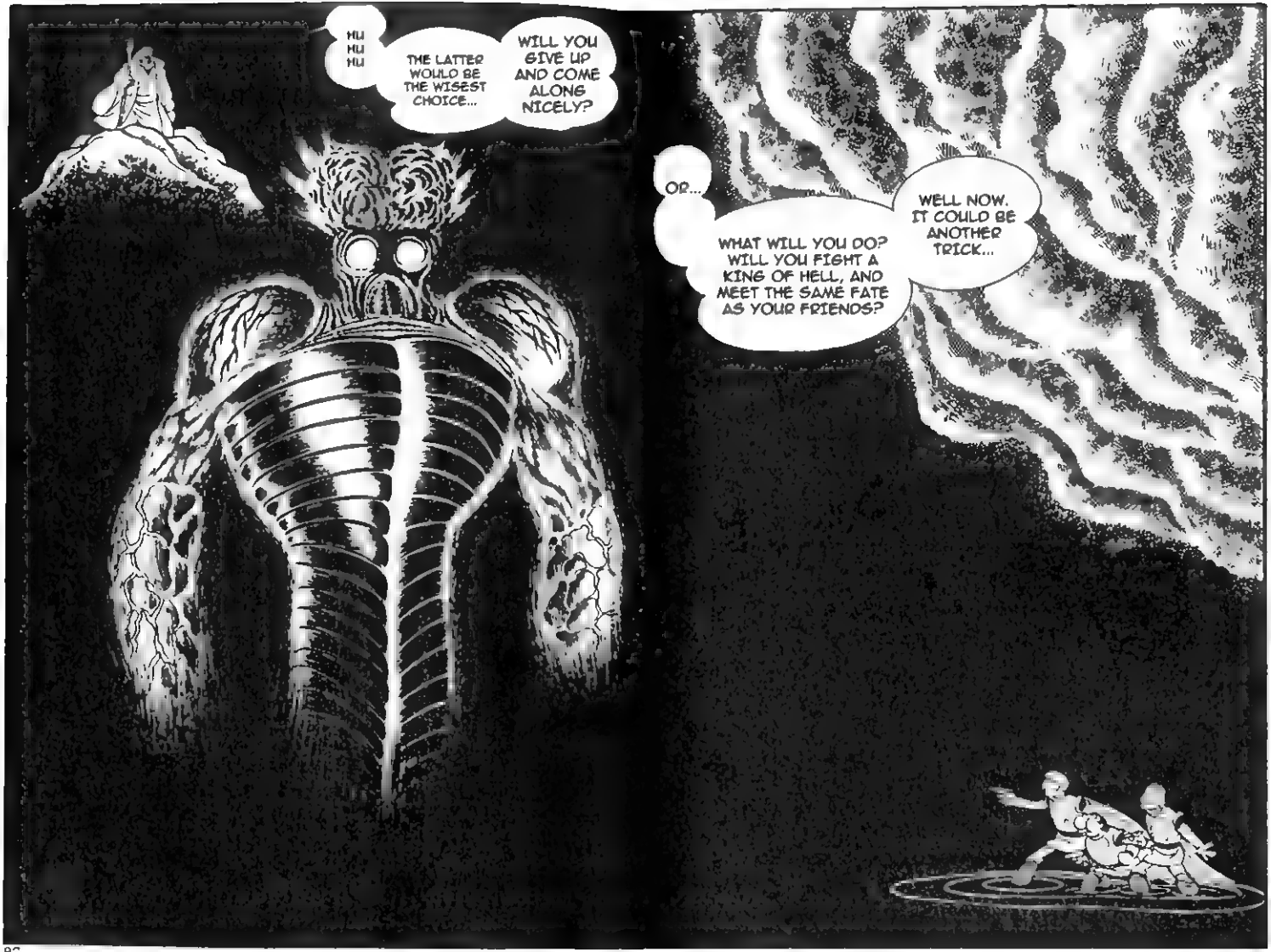
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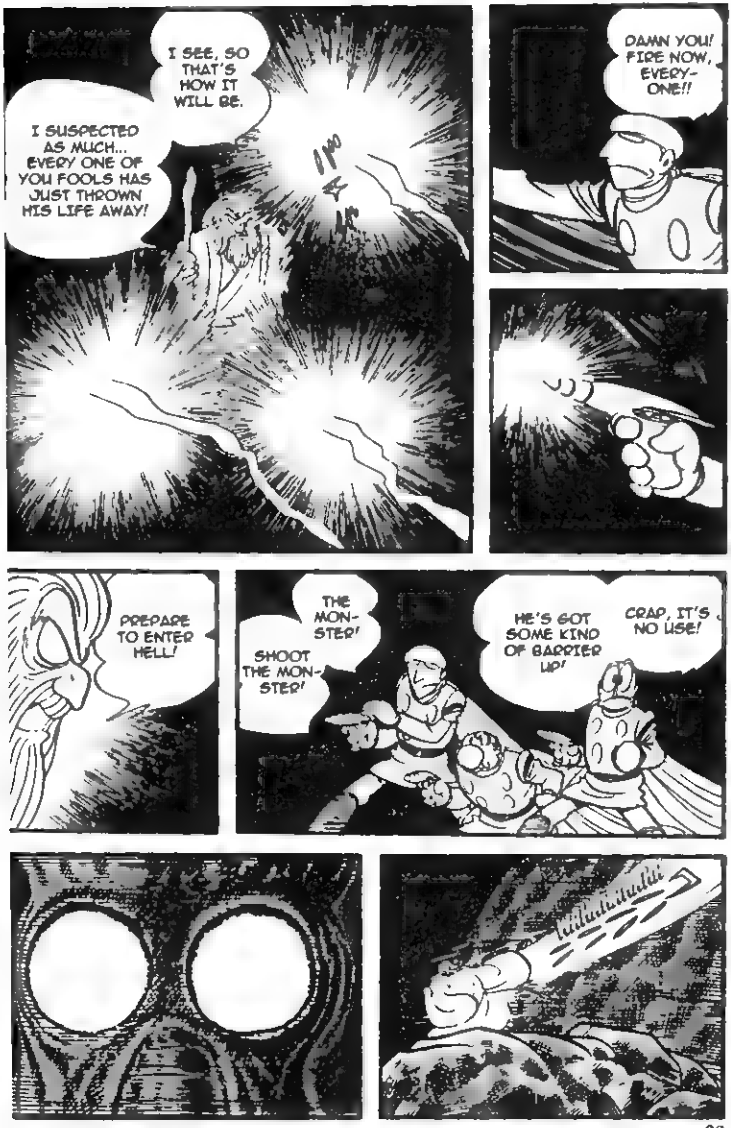
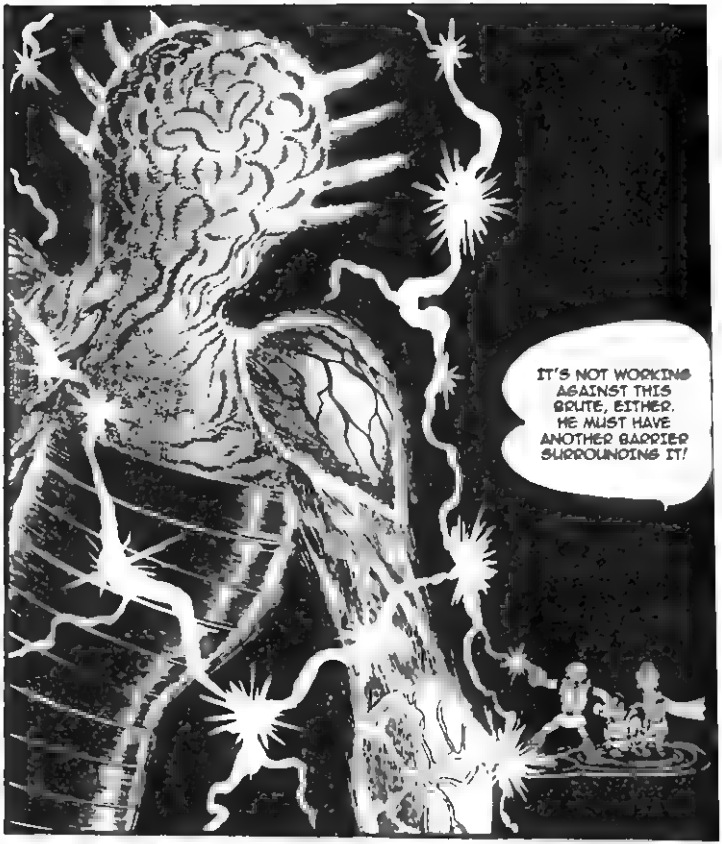
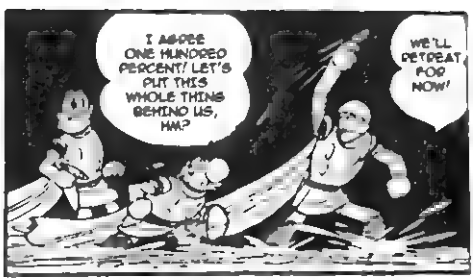
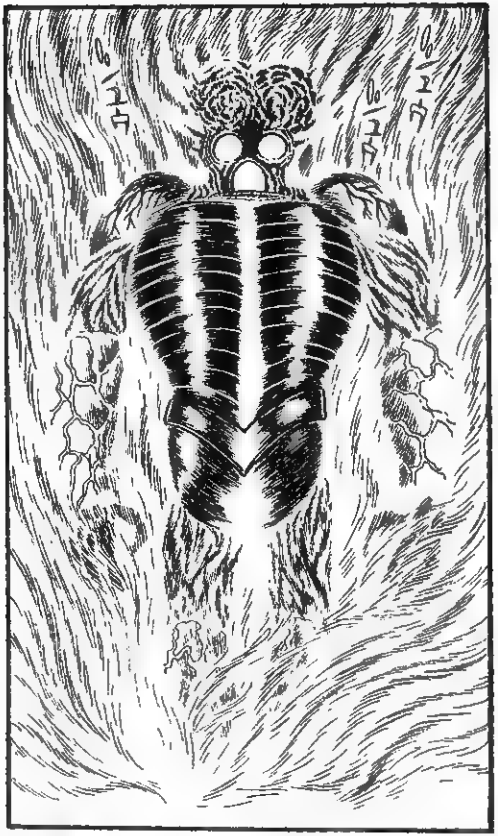
THE LATTER WOULD BE THE WISEST CHOICE...
WILL YOU GIVE UP AND COME ALONG NICELY?
OR...
WHAT WILL YOU DO? WILL YOU FIGHT A KING OF HELL, AND MEET THE SAME FATE AS YOUR FRIENDS?
WELL NOW. IT COULD BE ANOTHER TRICK...


I SEE, SO THAT'S HOW IT WILL BE.
I SUSPECTED AS MUCH... EVERY ONE OF YOU FOOLS HAS JUST THROWN HIS LIFE AWAY!
HA HA HA
DAMN YOU! FIRE NOW, EVERY-ONE!!
PREPARE TO ENTER HELL!
THE MON-STER!
SHOOT THE MON-STER!
HE'S GOT SOME KIND OF BARRIER UP!
CRAP, IT'S NO USE!


IT'S NOT WORKING AGAINST THIS BRUTE, EITHER. HE MUST HAVE ANOTHER BARRIER SURROUNDING IT!


I AGREE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT! LET'S PUT THIS WHOLE THING BEHIND US, HM?
WE'LL RETREAT FOR NOW!

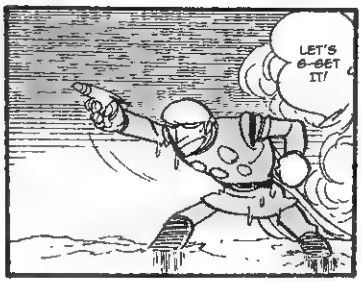
DAMMIT!
YAAA AHHH!
GAH!
OOS?! RIGHT-O, I'LL JUST TURN INTO OOS AND...
TIMES LIKE THESE I WISH OOS WERE HERE. HE'D HAVE US OUT IN A JIFFY!
COME ON!
WE'VE GOTTEN OUR-SELVES IN A REAL PICKLE NOW!
NOTHING'S WORKING!
HUH?!

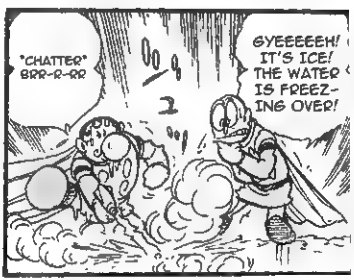


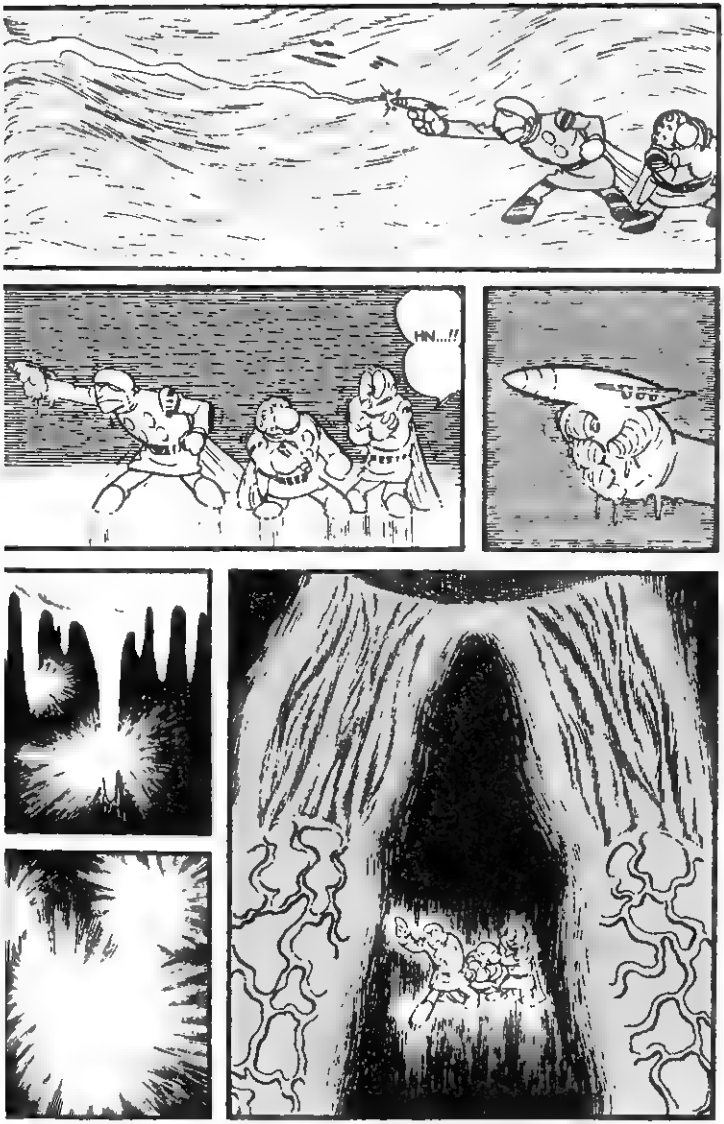
BRRR! NO WAY I'M TAKING MY CLOTHES OFF, NOW!
WH-WHY DO I FEEL SO C-COLD ALL OF A SUDDEN?

HUH ?!

THE MIST COMING OFF IT IS MAKING EVERYTHING COLD!
I-IS IS THAT THING ?!


LET'S G-GET IT!


"CHATTER" BRR-R-RR
GYEEEEEH! IT'S ICE! THE WATER IS FREEZ-ING OVER!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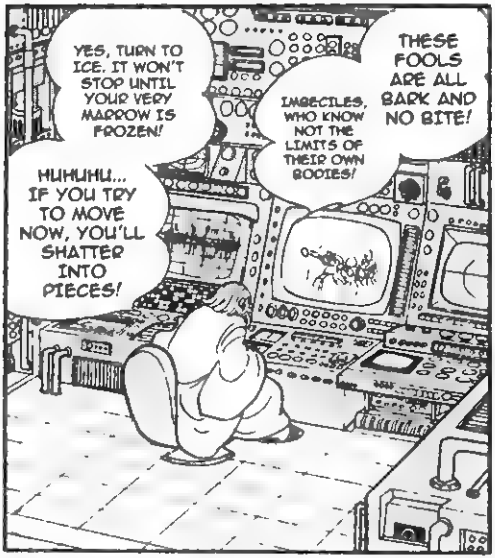
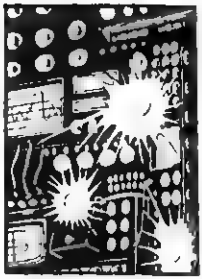

YES, TURN TO ICE. IT WON'T STOP UNTIL YOUR VERY MARROW IS FROZEN!
IMBECILES, WHO KNOW NOT THE LIMITS OF THEIR OWN BODIES!
THESE FOOLS ARE ALL BARK AND NO BITE!
HUHUHU... IF YOU TRY TO MOVE NOW, YOU'LL SHATTER INTO PIECES!



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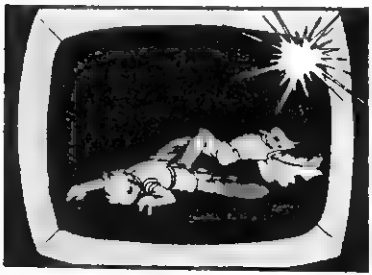

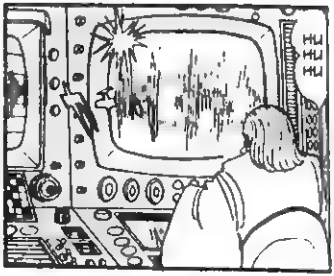
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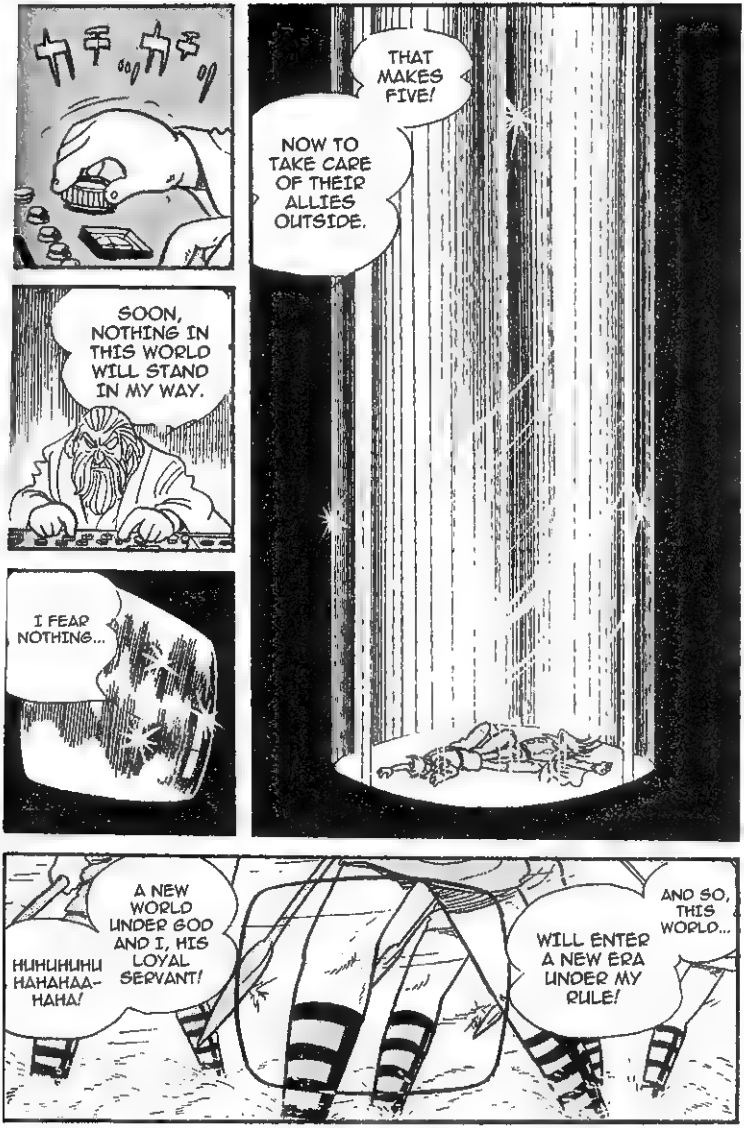
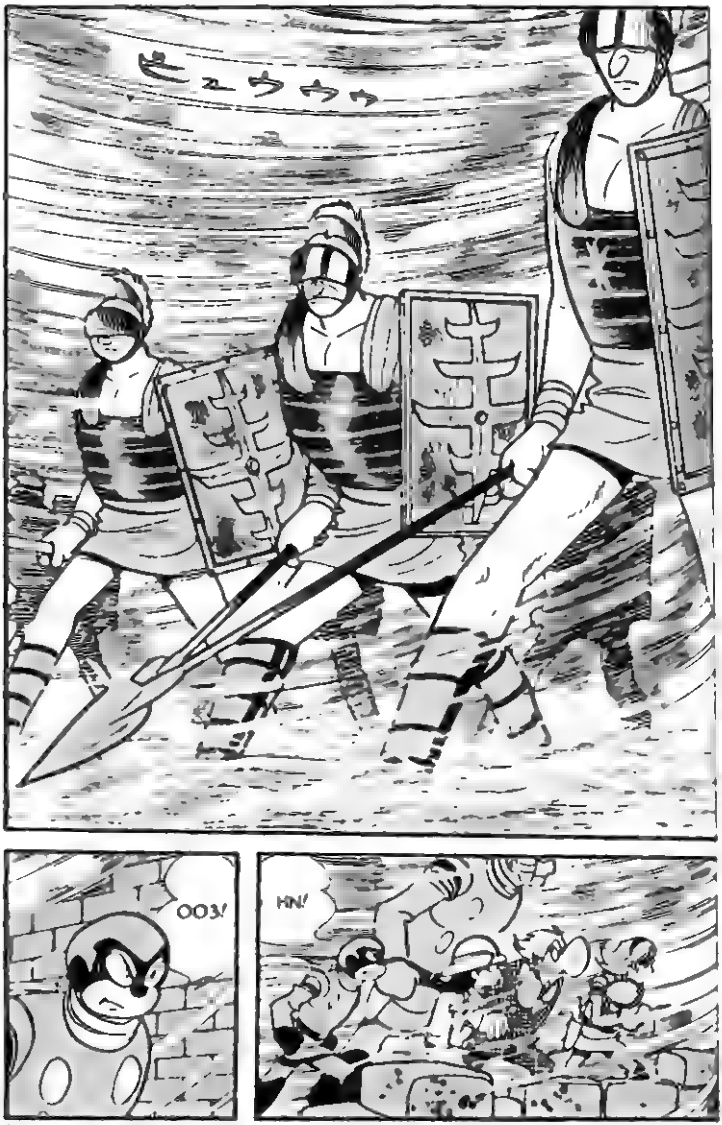
WAHAHAHA WAHAHAHA


SOON, NOTHING IN THIS WORLD WILL STAND IN MY WAY.
I FEAR NOTHING...
THAT MAKES FIVE!
NOW TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR ALLIES OUTSIDE.
HUHUHUHU HAHAHAA-HAHA!
A NEW WORLD UNDER GOD AND I, HIS LOYAL SERVANT!
WILL ENTER A NEW ERA UNDER MY RULE!
AND SO, THIS WORLD...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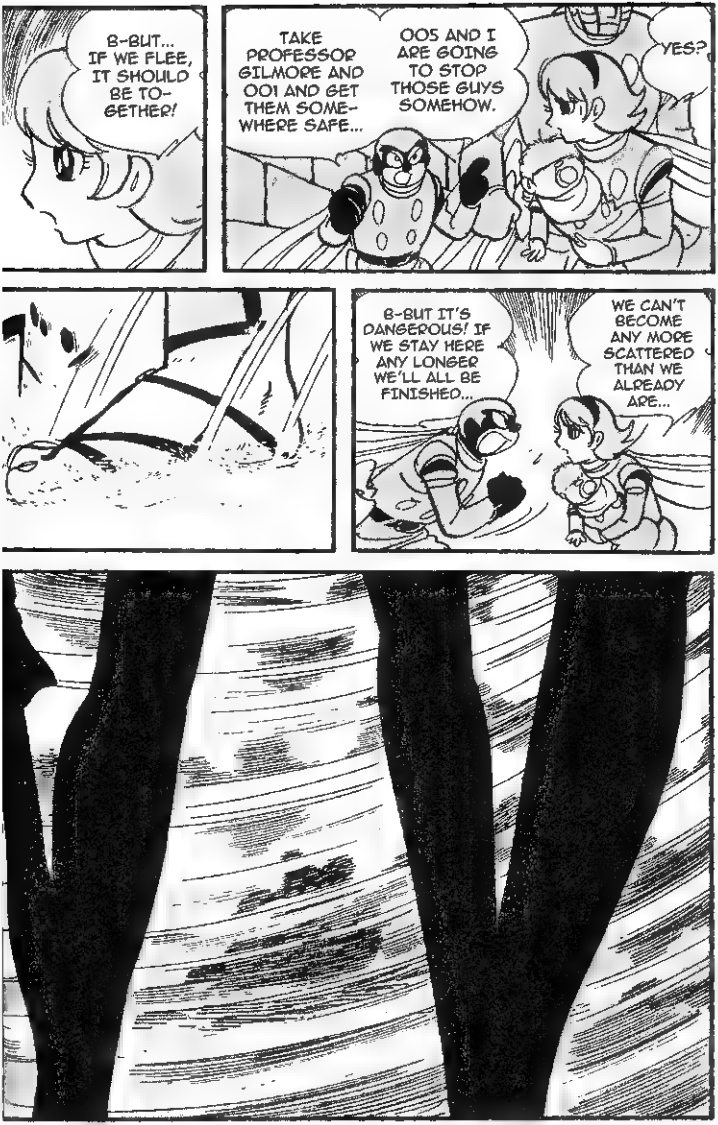
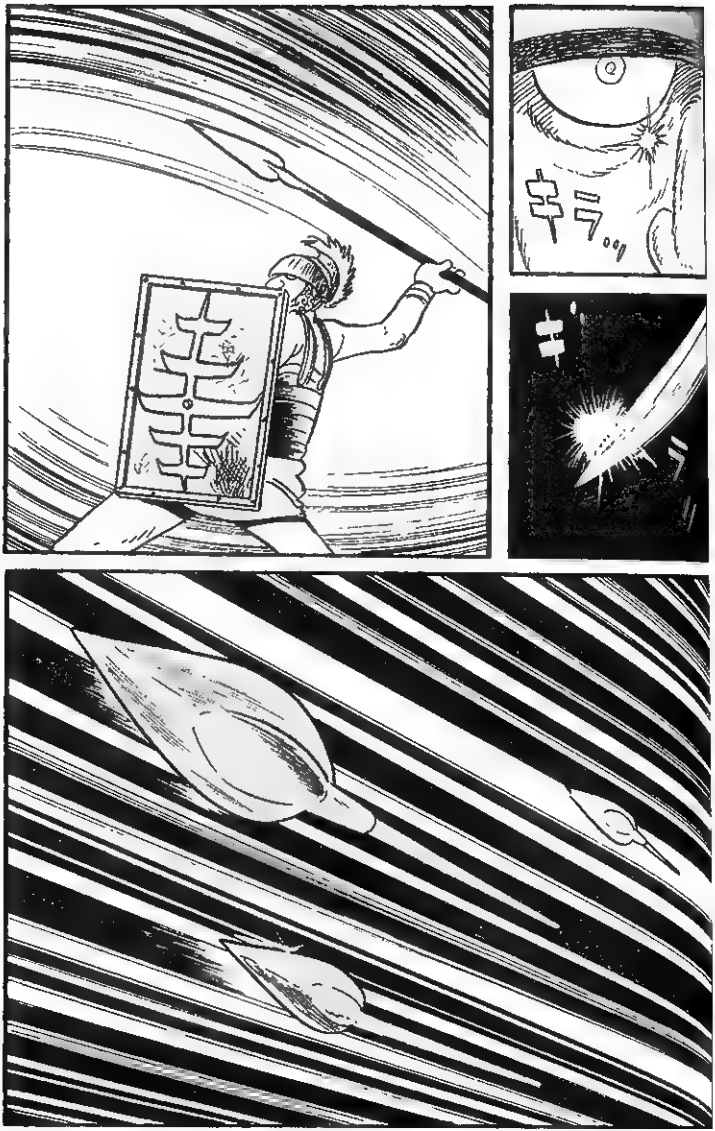
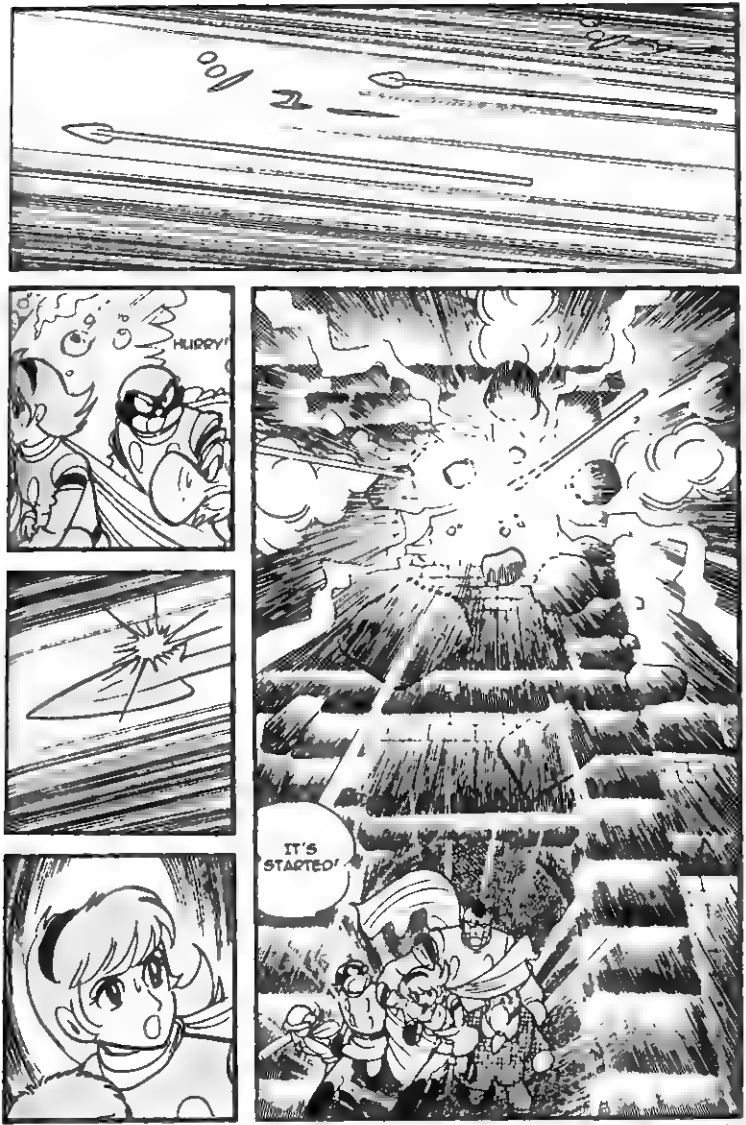
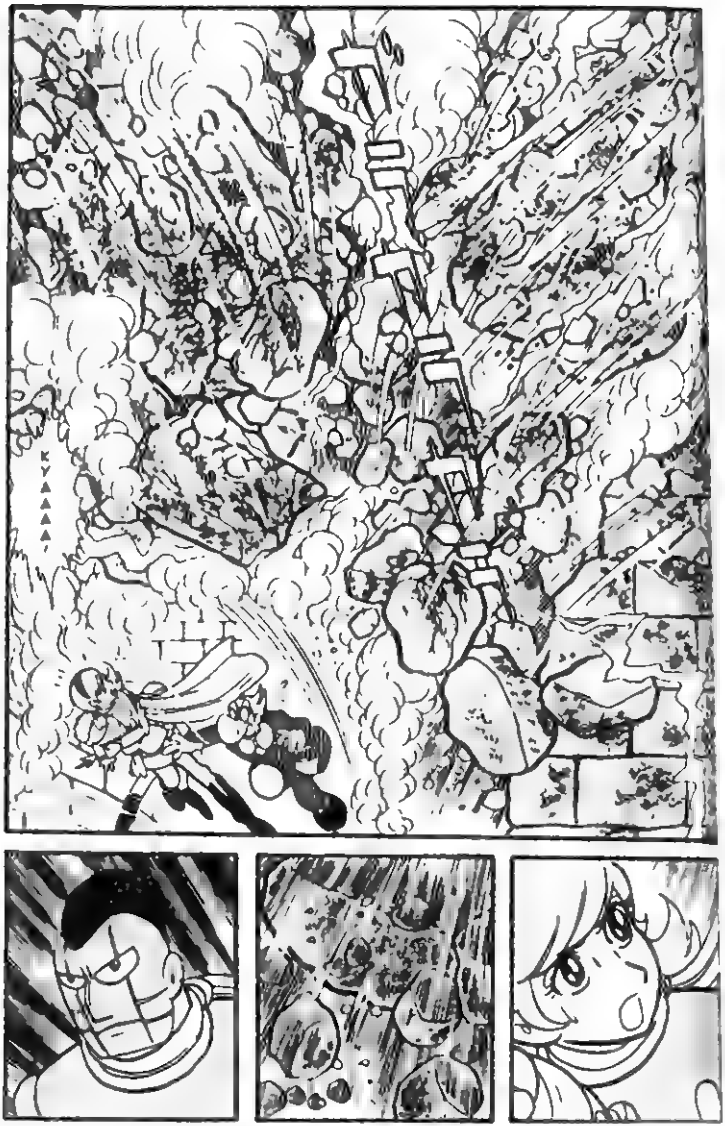
003!
HN!

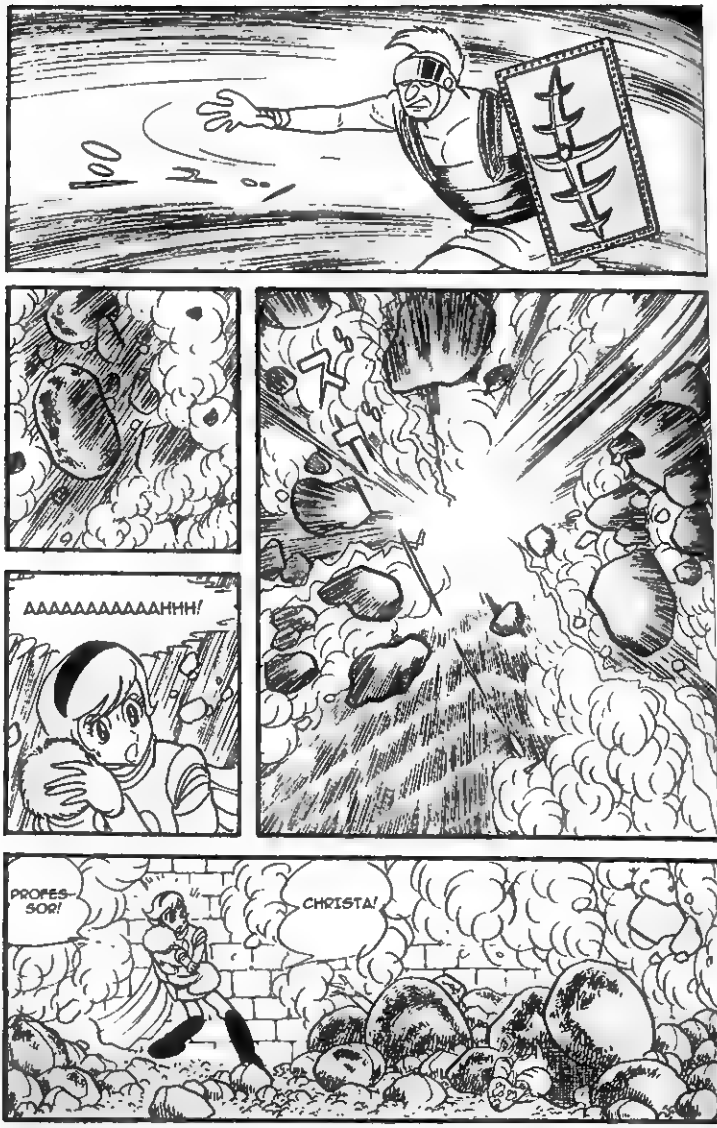

B-BUT... IF WE FLEE, IT SHOULD BE TO-GETHER!
TAKE PROFESSOR GILMORE AND 001 AND GET THEM SOME-WHERE SAFE...
005 AND I ARE GOING TO STOP THOSE GUYS SOMEHOW.
YES?
B-BUT IT'S DANGEROUS! IF WE STAY HERE ANY LONGER WE'LL ALL BE FINISHED...
WE CAN'T BECOME ANY MORE SCATTERED THAN WE ALREADY ARE...




HURRY!
IT'S STARTED!


KYAAAA-

HURRY!
OOS!
GO!
COME ON, PROFES-SOR!
MM!
LET'S GO!


AAAAAAAAAAAHHH!
PROFESSOR!
CHRISTA!

OOH!!
W-WAKE UP... OPEN YOUR EYES!!
I-IVAN!
OO!
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SINCE THEY'RE SO BIG, WE SHOULD HAVE AN ADVANTAGE IF WE KEEP MOVING AS WE SHOOT...
OOS! RUN AROUND THEIR FEET!
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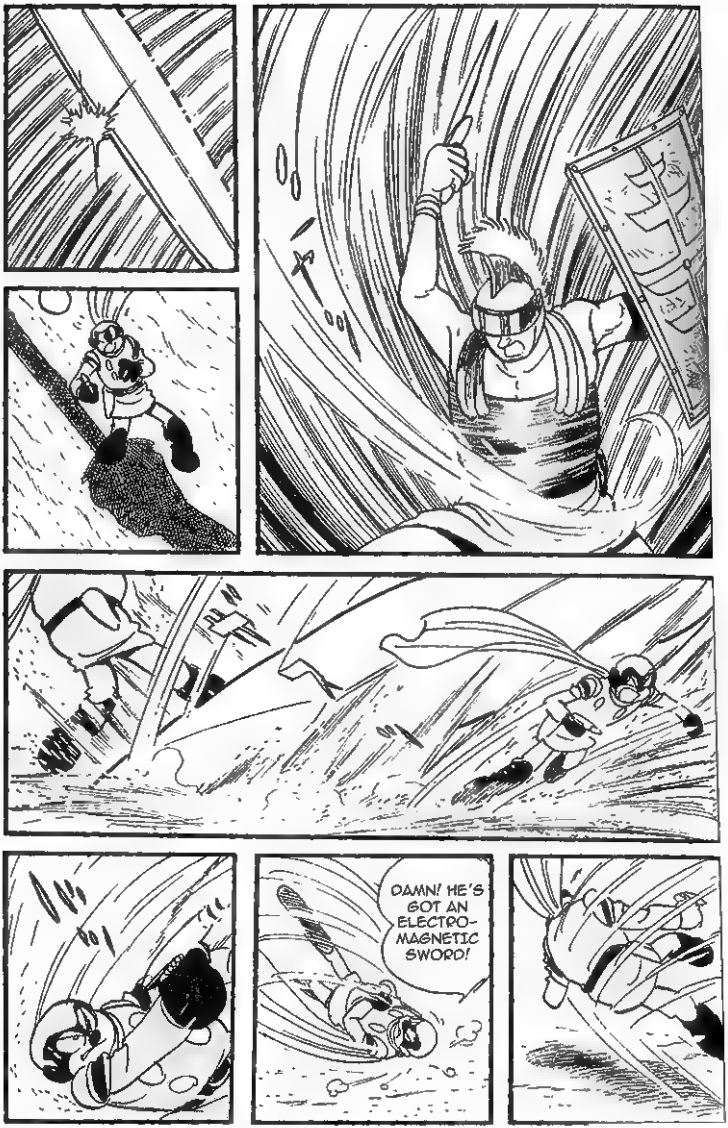
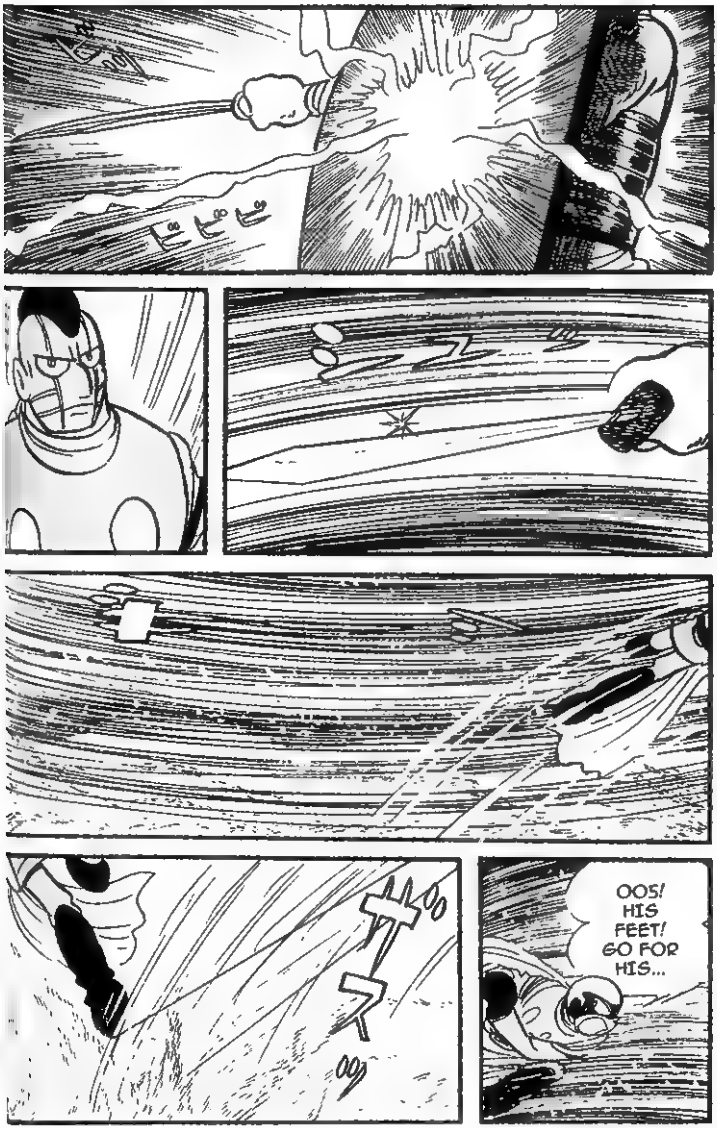

DAMN! HE'S GOT AN ELECTRO-MAGNETIC SWORD!


OOS!
HIS
FEET!
GO FOR
HIS...

HHHH... NO! NO! IT'S HOPE-LESS...
HUP!
THERE'S STILL HOPE, 003.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GONER!
001, Y-YOU'RE AWAKE!
I GET IT, CALM DOWN ALREADY!

LET'S GET PROFFESSOR GILMORE AND THAT GIRL OUT OF HERE
LET'S GET GOING, 003!
OOH!
BUT FIRST... LET'S SAVE 005 AND 008!
WHOA! IT DOESN'T HURT ANYWHERE ANYMORE!

OOO!!
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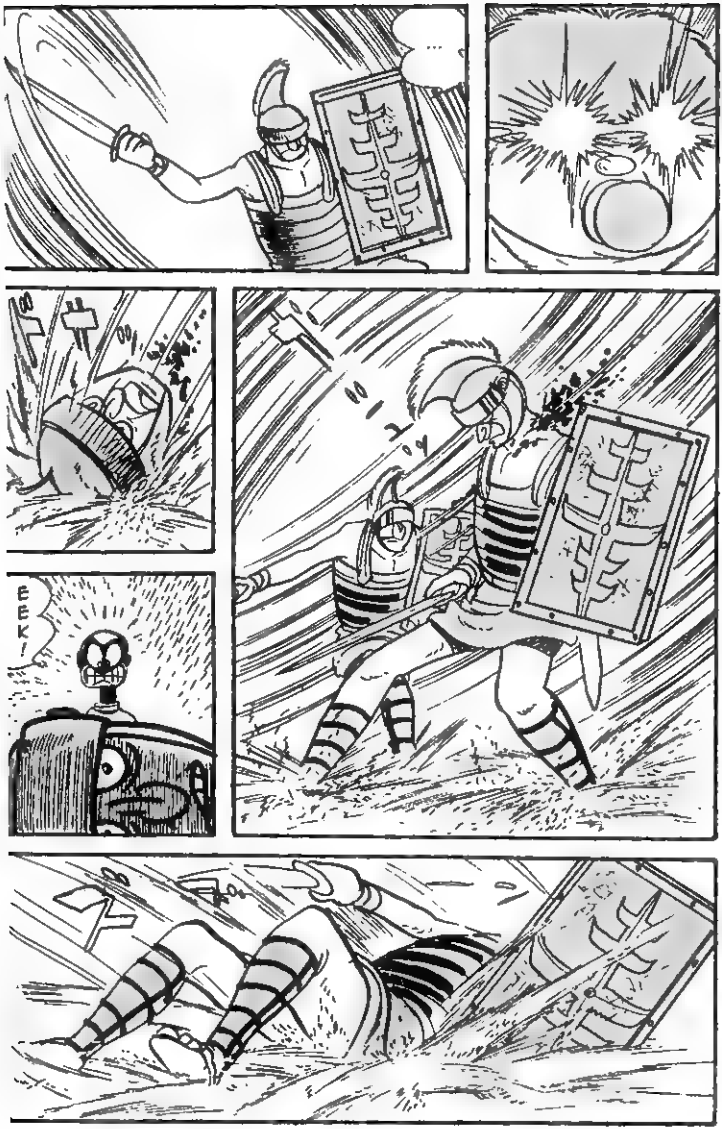
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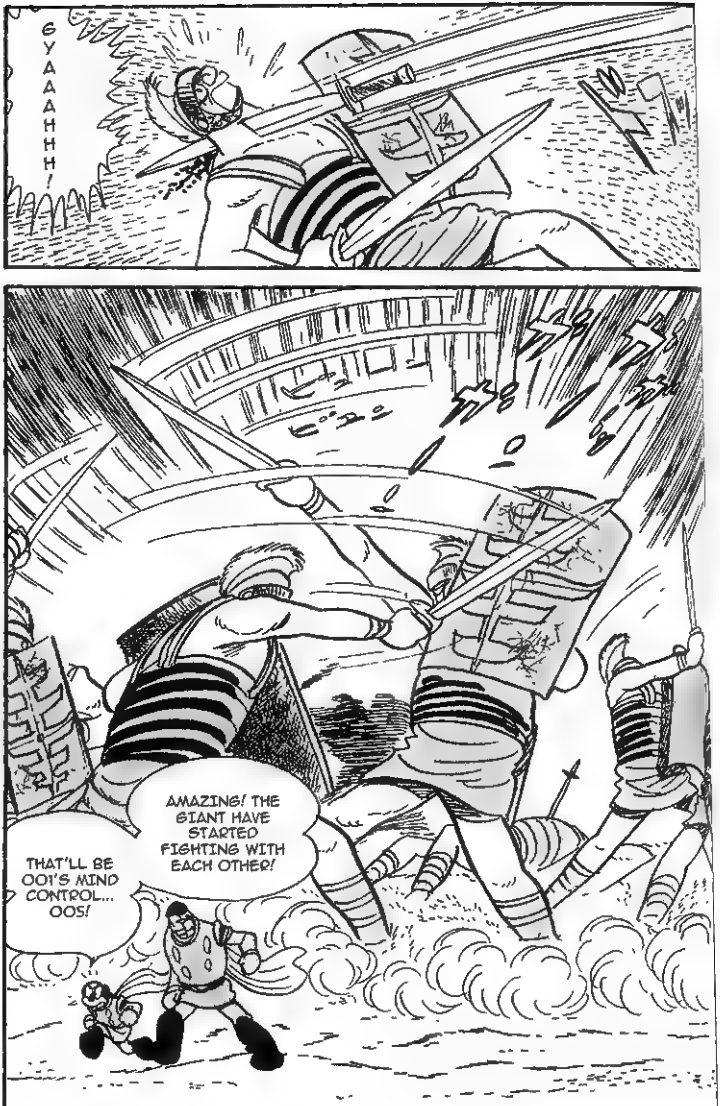
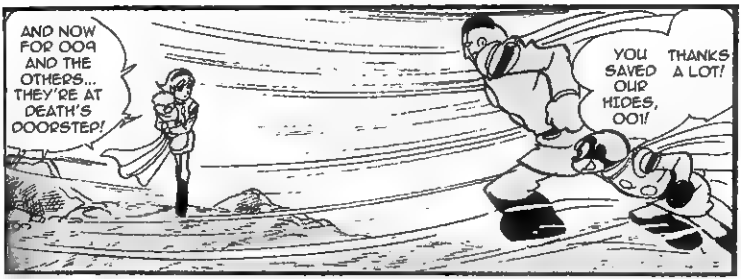
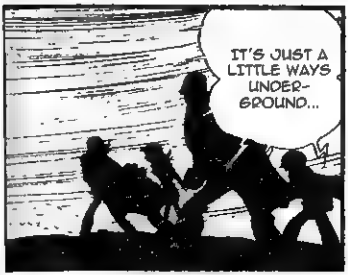
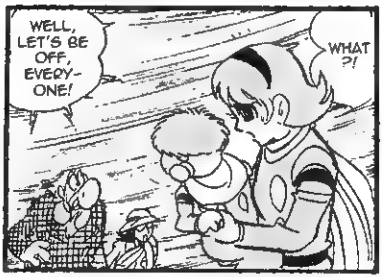
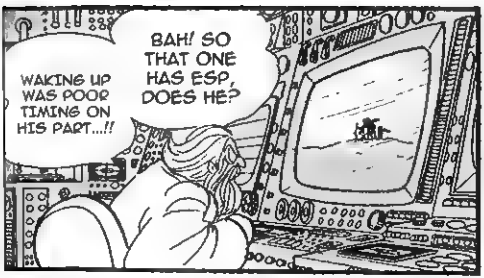

GYAAAHHH!
AMAZING! THE GIANT HAVE STARTED FIGHTING WITH EACH OTHER!
THAT'LL BE OOI'S MIND CONTROL... OOS!

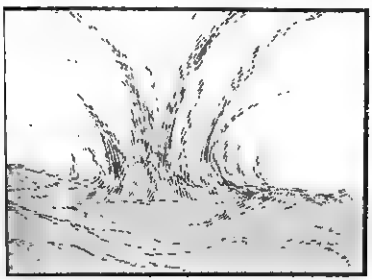

AND NOW FOR 009 AND THE OTHERS... THEY'RE AT DEATH'S DOORSTEP!
YOU SAVED OUR HIDES, 001!
THANKS A LOT!


IT'S JUST A LITTLE WAYS UNDER-GROUND...

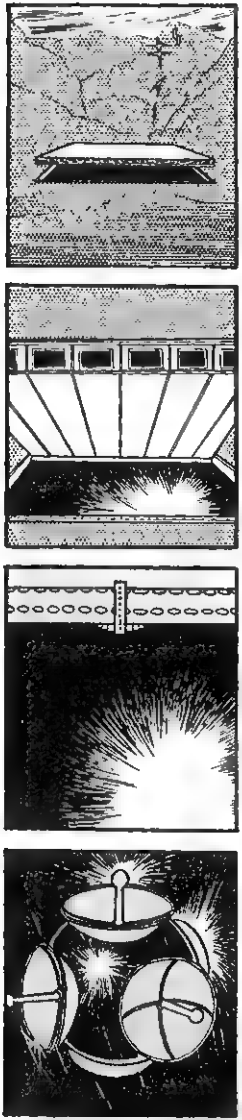

WELL, LET'S BE OFF, EVERY-ONE!
WHAT ?!

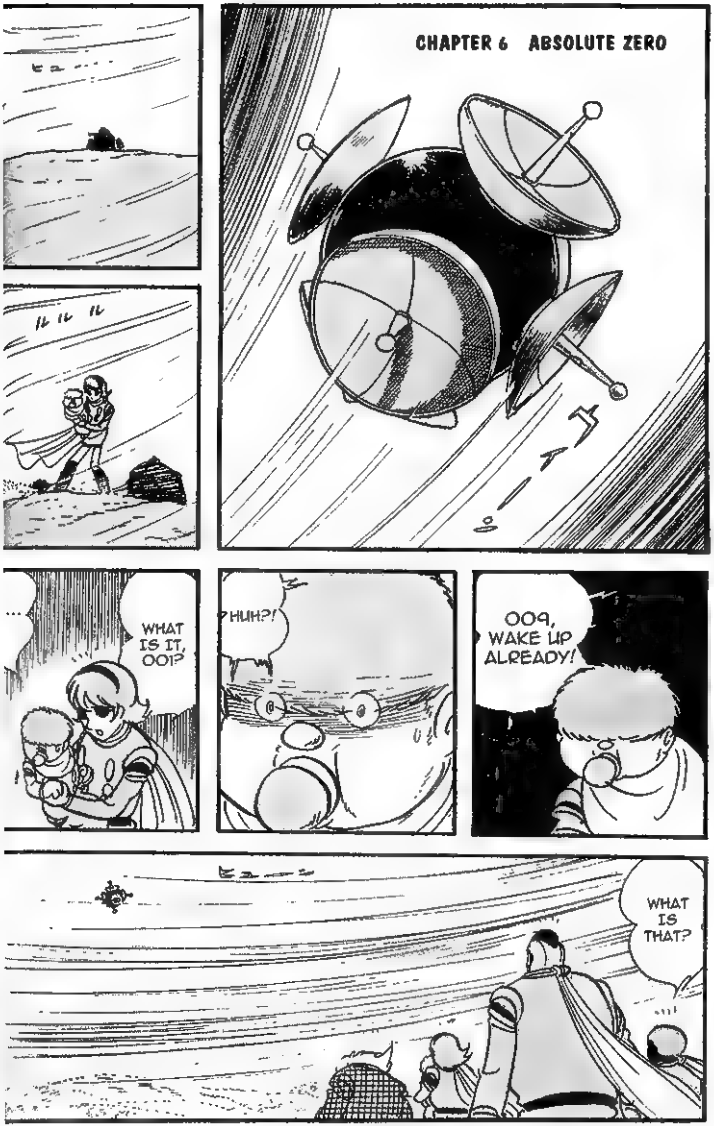

WAKING UP WAS POOR TIMING ON HIS PART...!!
BAH! SO THAT ONE HAS ESP, DOES HE?

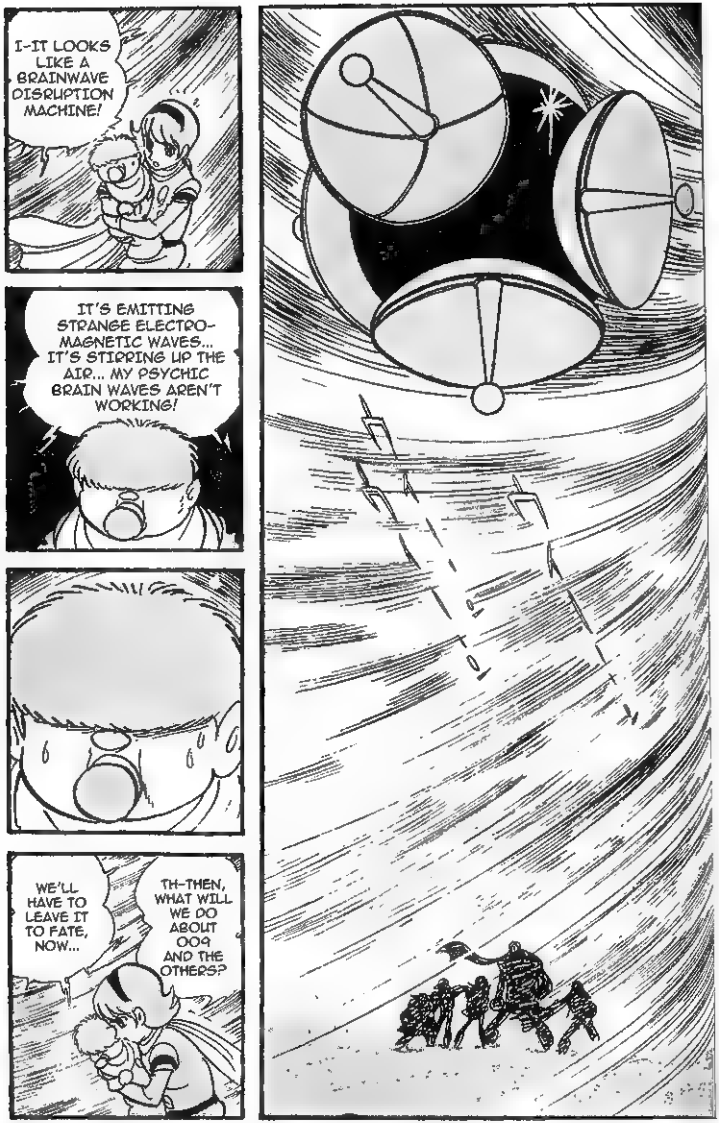
BAH!

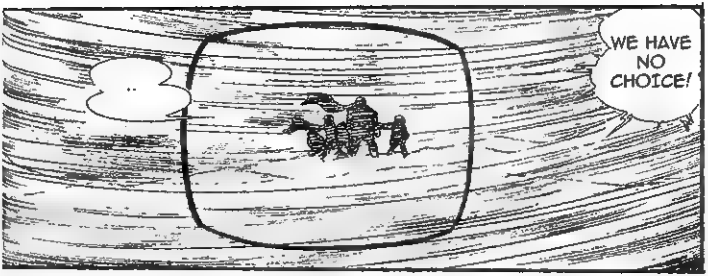


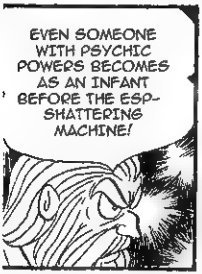
HUHU... HOWEVER, ONCE I TURN THIS ON...




CHAPTER 6 ABSOLUTE ZERO
WHAT IS IT, 001?
HUH?!
009, WAKE UP ALREADY!
WHAT IS THAT?


I-IT LOOKS LIKE A BRAINWAVE DISRUPTION MACHINE!
IT'S EMITTING STRANGE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC WAVES... IT'S STIRRING UP THE AIR... MY PSYCHIC BRAIN WAVES AREN'T WORKING!
WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE IT TO FATE, NOW...
TH-THEN, WHAT WILL WE DO ABOUT 009 AND THE OTHERS?

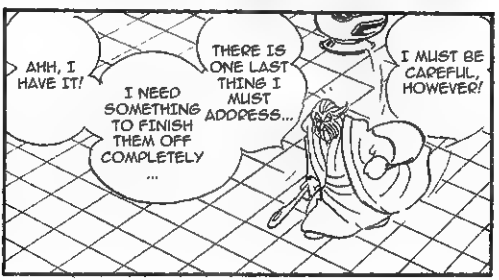

...
WE HAVE NO CHOICE!


EVEN SOMEONE WITH PSYCHIC POWERS BECOMES AS AN INFANT BEFORE THE ESP-SHATTERING MACHINE!

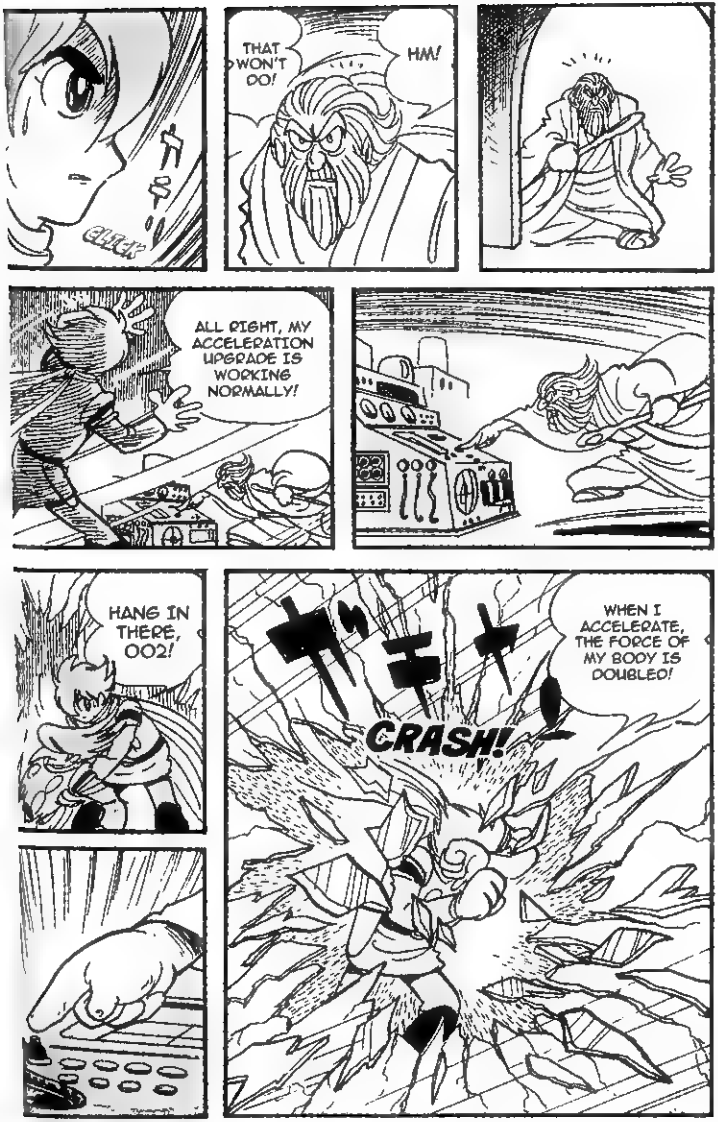
HUHUHU... THEY CAN'T MOVE A MUSCLE!

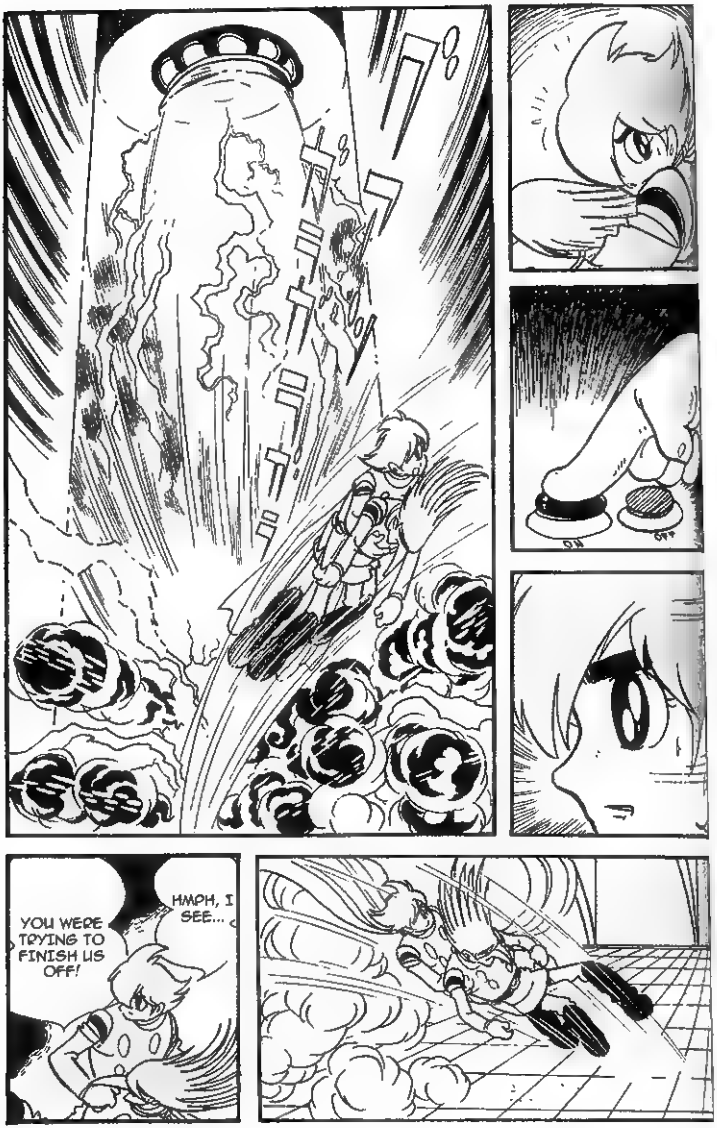
SAY... THAT ONE WAS AN INFANT TO BEGIN WITH!
HEH!

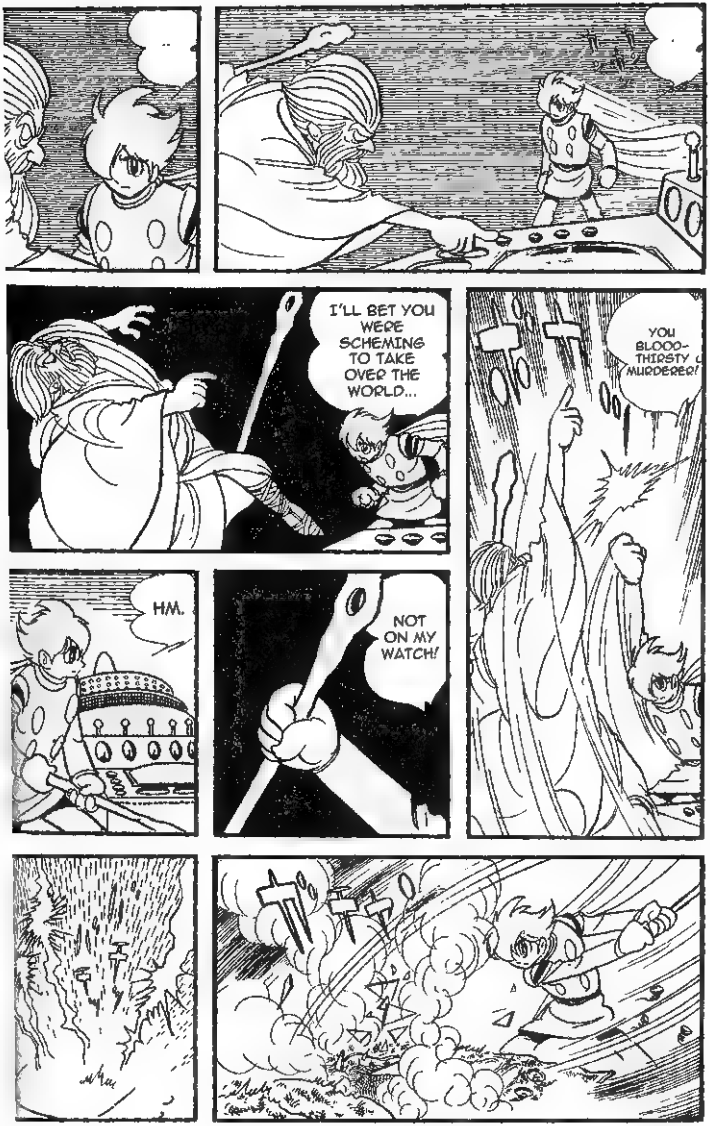
THAT SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM NICELY!

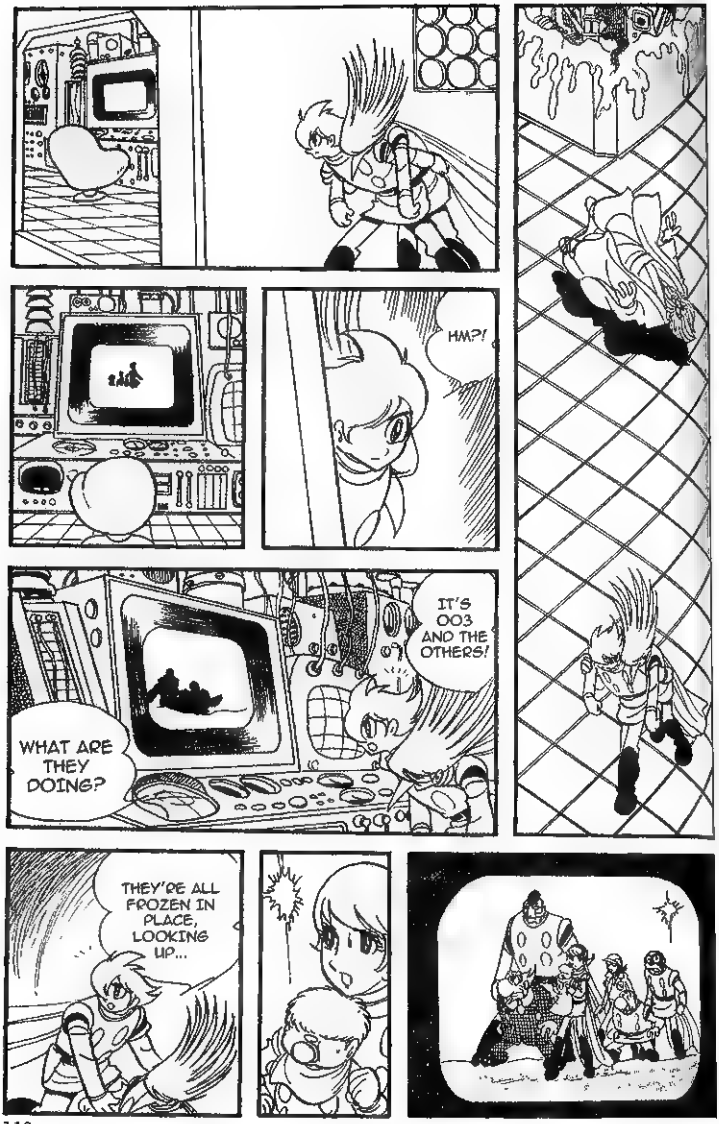

AHH, I HAVE IT!
I NEED SOMETHING TO FINISH THEM OFF COMPLETELY ...
THERE IS ONE LAST THING I MUST ADDRESS...
I MUST BE CAREFUL, HOWEVER!

AH...! I JUST HAD THE FEELING 001 WAS CALLING OUT TO ME, BUT...
WHERE AM I?!
HN!
HM...! HIS HEART IS BEATING FAINTLY!
002!
AH!
ISN'T THERE A WAY OUT OF HERE?!
HRGH


click
THAT WON'T DO!
HM!
ALL RIGHT, MY ACCELERATION UPGRADE IS WORKING NORMALLY!
HANG IN THERE, 002!
CRASH!
WHEN I ACCELERATE, THE FORCE OF MY BODY IS DOUBLED!


YOU WERE TRYING TO FINISH US OFF!
HMPH, I SEE...

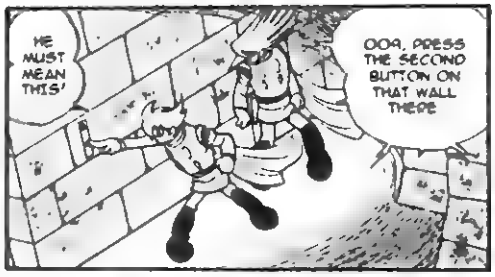

I'LL BET YOU WERE SCHEMING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD...
YOU BLOOD-THIRSTY MURDERER!
HM.
NOT ON MY WATCH!


HM?!
IT'S 003 AND THE OTHERS!
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
THEY'RE ALL FROZEN IN PLACE, LOOKING UP...

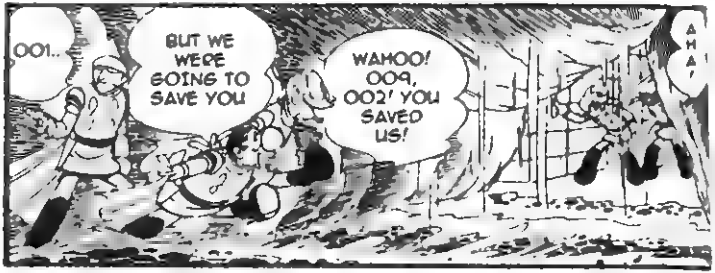
LET'S SEE, WHERE ARE THE CONTROLS FOR THIS...
IT'S THIS STRANGE MACHINE'S FAULT.
I SEE...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT DOES WHAT, BUT I CAN TRY DESTROY-ING IT FROM ONE SIDE!
AH, CRAP! IT LOOKS LIKE I ONLY DESTROYED THE MONITOR!
HUH?
009...?!
001, IS THAT YOU?!

009 SAVED US?!
THANK YOU FOR DESTROYING THE MACHINE. THANKS TO YOU, I CAN USE MY TELEPATHY AGAIN.
I WAS REALLY WORRIED FOR A SECOND THERE...
I CAN SEE WHY!
IF I'D BEEN JUST A LITTLE SLOWER, YOU WOULD BE...
THAT'S RIGHT. HE BROKE THE MACHINE RIGHT BEFORE IT COULD COMPLETE ITS FUNCTION!
THANK YOU, 001. I CAN TAKE IT FROM HERE...
THE TWO OF US WILL TAKE DOWN THE REST OF THIS PLACE, AND THEN WE'LL HEAD BACK.
002!
NN ...
RESCUE THEM, THEN COME BACK HERE.
004 AND OTHERS ARE TRAPPED IN AN UNDERGROUND WATERWAY BELOW YOU...
THERE'S ONE MORE THING...
WAIT, 009!

HUH?!
GOT IT. WE'RE ON OUR WAY.
004...?! THEY WERE CAP-TURED?
I'LL THAW THEM OUT FIRST!
HM!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE SAFE.
I-IT MELTED!
001?!
004! DON'T MESS WITH THAT MONSTER!
GOTCHA!

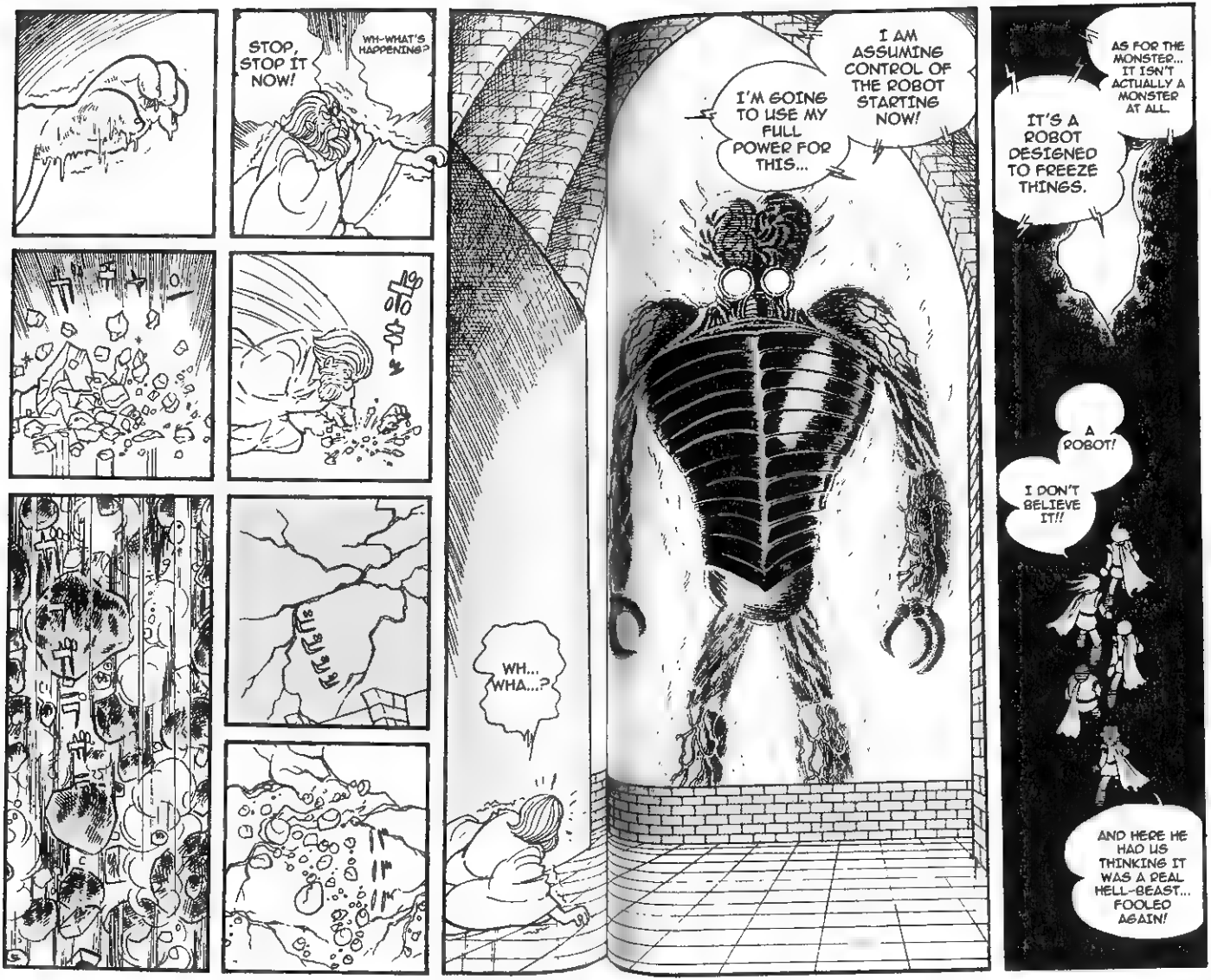

HE MUST MEAN THIS!
009, PRESS THE SECOND BUTTON ON THAT WALL THERE

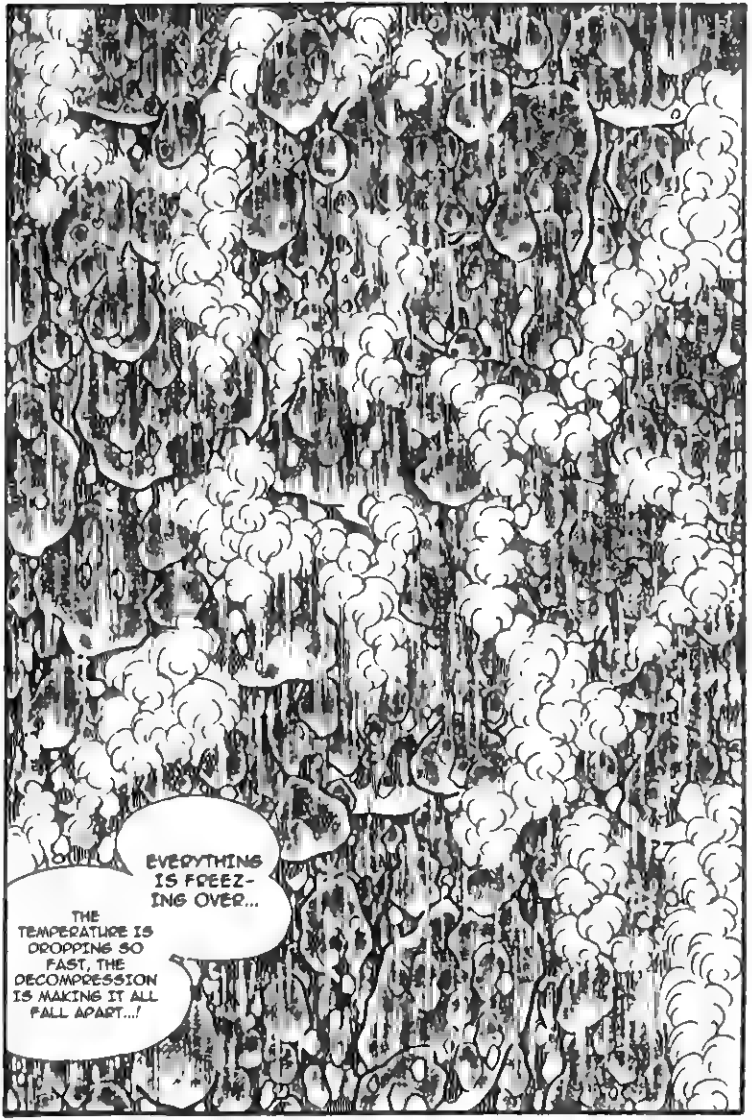
NOW, 009 AND 002 ARE GOING TO OPEN A DOOR
I'M GOING TO USE IT TO DEMOLISH THAT PLACE!


001..
BUT WE WERE GOING TO SAVE YOU
WAHOO! 009, 002! YOU SAVED US!
AHA!

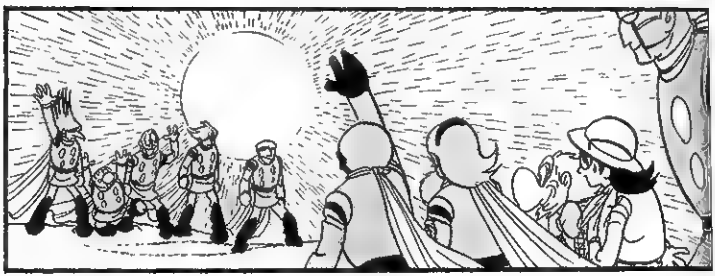
YOU CAN GET OUT THROUGH THE CRACK YOU ENTERED FROM.

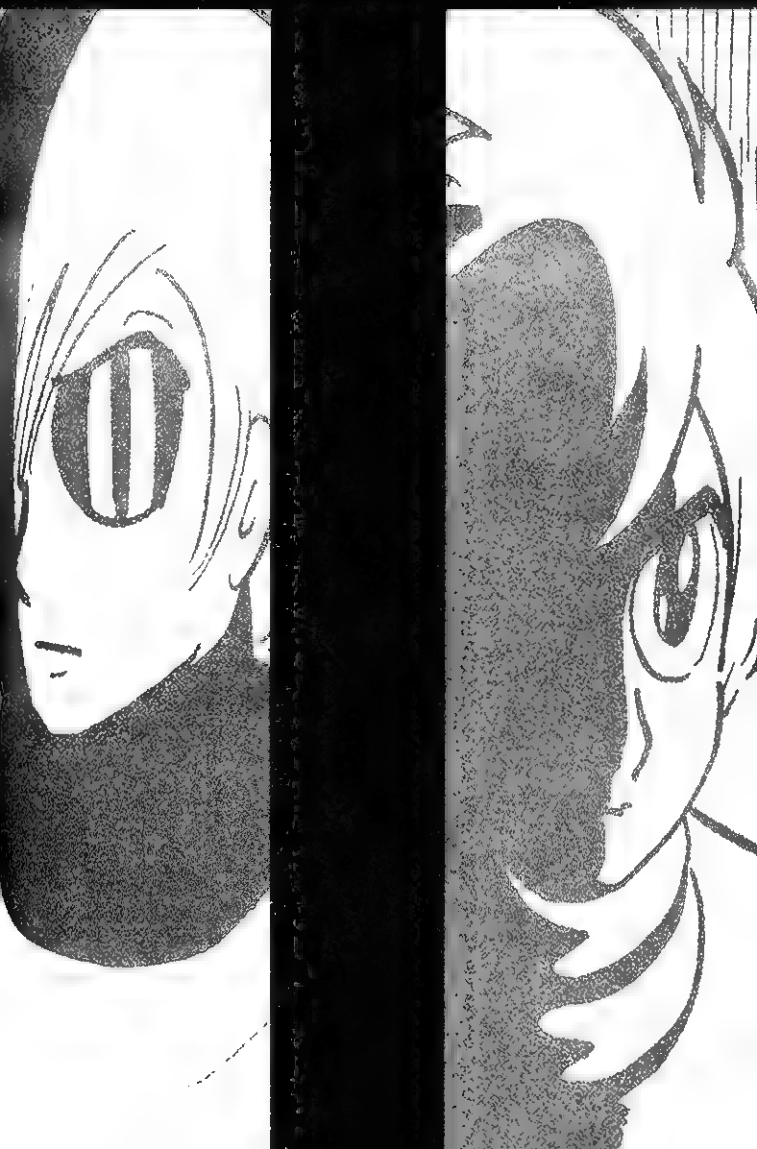
WHAT IS THAT MONSTER DOING?!
YOU JUST WORRY ABOUT GETTING OUT OF HERE!


STOP, STOP IT NOW!
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?
I'M GOING TO USE MY FULL POWER FOR THIS...
I AM ASSUMING CONTROL OF THE ROBOT STARTING NOW!
WH... WHA...?
AS FOR THE MONSTER... IT ISN'T ACTUALLY A MONSTER AT ALL.
IT'S A ROBOT DESIGNED TO FREEZE THINGS.
A ROBOT!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!
AND HERE HE HAD US THINKING IT WAS A REAL HELL-BEAST... FOOLED AGAIN!


EVERYTHING IS FREEZ-ING OVER...
THE TEMPERATURE IS DROPPING SO FAST, THE DECOMPRESSION IS MAKING IT ALL FALL APART...!

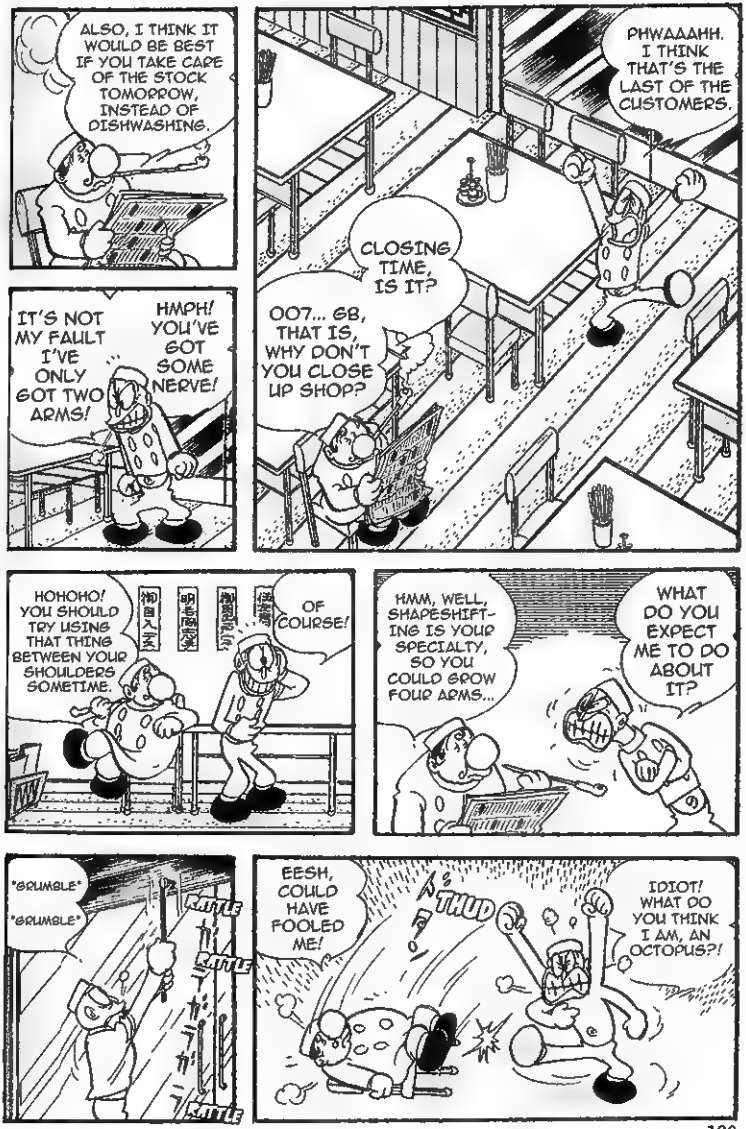
HEY, LOOK!
IT'S SINKING!
THE DESERT ...





CHAPTER 1 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

SIGN: CHINESE RESTAURANT CHANG CHANGKU


ALSO, I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU TAKE CARE OF THE STOCK TOMORROW, INSTEAD OF DISHWASHING.
PHWAAAHH. I THINK THAT'S THE LAST OF THE CUSTOMERS.
CLOSING TIME, IS IT?
007... 68, THAT IS, WHY DON'T YOU CLOSE UP SHOP?
IT'S NOT MY FAULT I'VE ONLY GOT TWO ARMS!
HMPH! YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE!
HOHOHO! YOU SHOULD TRY USING THAT THING BETWEEN YOUR SHOULDERS SOMETIME.
OF COURSE!
HMM, WELL, SHAPESHIFTING IS YOUR SPECIALTY, SO YOU COULD GROW FOUR ARMS...
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO ABOUT IT?
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
RATTLE
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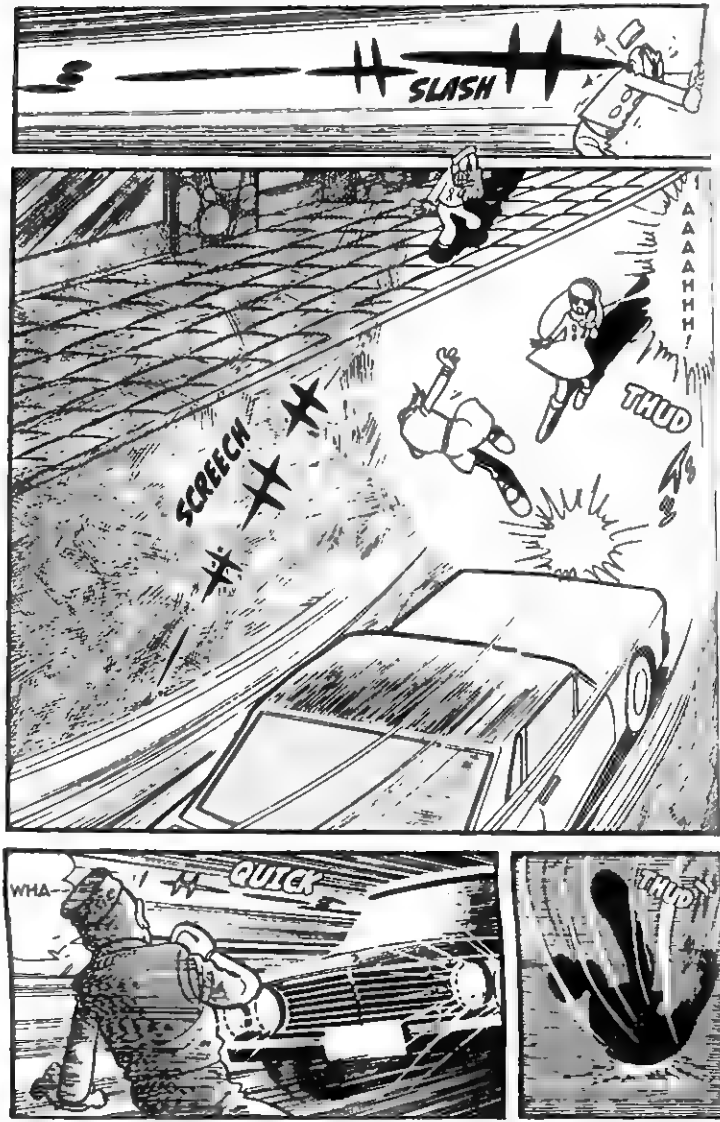
EESH, COULD HAVE FOOLED ME!
THUD
IDIOT! WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM, AN OCTOPUS?!

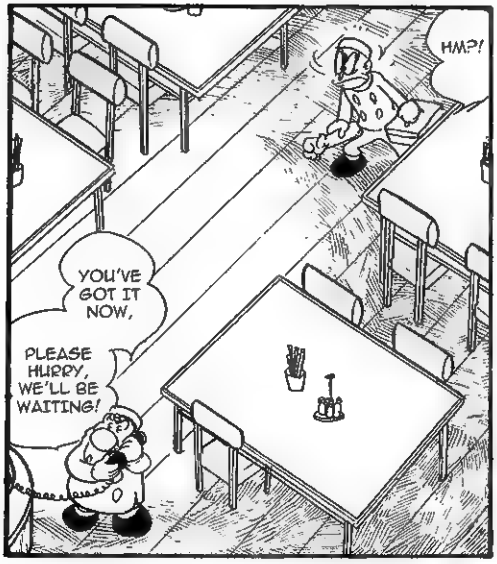

SLASH
AAAAHHH!
THUD
SCREECH
WHA-
QUICK
THUD

WHO
WHAT
THERE'
CLACK
HYEE!
JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, LYING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SIDEWALK LIKE A DAMNED LOG?
YOWCH
TRIP
S-SOMEONE INJURED, AND RIGHT OUTSIDE THE STORE!
URGH MY ARM.
GY-EEEEEEEH!

WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?!
...
UM, WHY DON'T YOU COME INSIDE?
...
NO, A CAR CRASHED INTO THAT RESTAURANT! THEY MUST HAVE WANTED SOME RAMEN...
SOMEONE WAS HIT BY A CAR!
THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT!
NNH ...
HANG IN THERE!
I DEMAND REIMBURSEMENT!
DRIVING DRUNK!
LOOK AT THIS SHAMELESS LOUT!
HOO-WHEEEE~
EEP!
STOP SQUAWKING AND GET A DOCTOR, MAN, A DOCTOR!
FORGET HIM, CHANG! SOMEONE'S HURT!

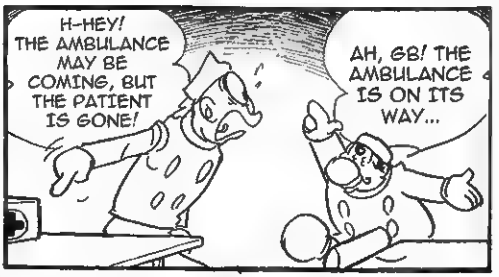
NOTE: 119 IS JAPAN'S VERSION OF 911.

UM, HELLO? UMM...
...
YOU BUFFOON! IT'S 119 TO CALL AN AMBULANCE!
I DIAL 148 TO GET A DOCTOR, RIGHT?
OH DEAR, OH DEAR...
DAMNED RUBBER-NECKERS. THIS ISN'T A SIDESHOW EXHIBIT!
WHOOSH!
SHAME-LESS!
NOTHING TO SEE HERE!
OH, RIGHT! I'D BETTER GET SOME-THING FOR THAT INJURY UNTIL THEN!
A DOCTOR WILL BE COMING SOON. JUST HANG IN THERE A LITTLE LONGER!
I'M NOT A RAMEN SALES-MAN!
HELLO... NO, NO!
...
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK WITH A FIRST-AID KIT!


HM?!
YOU'VE GOT IT NOW,
PLEASE HURRY, WE'LL BE WAITING!

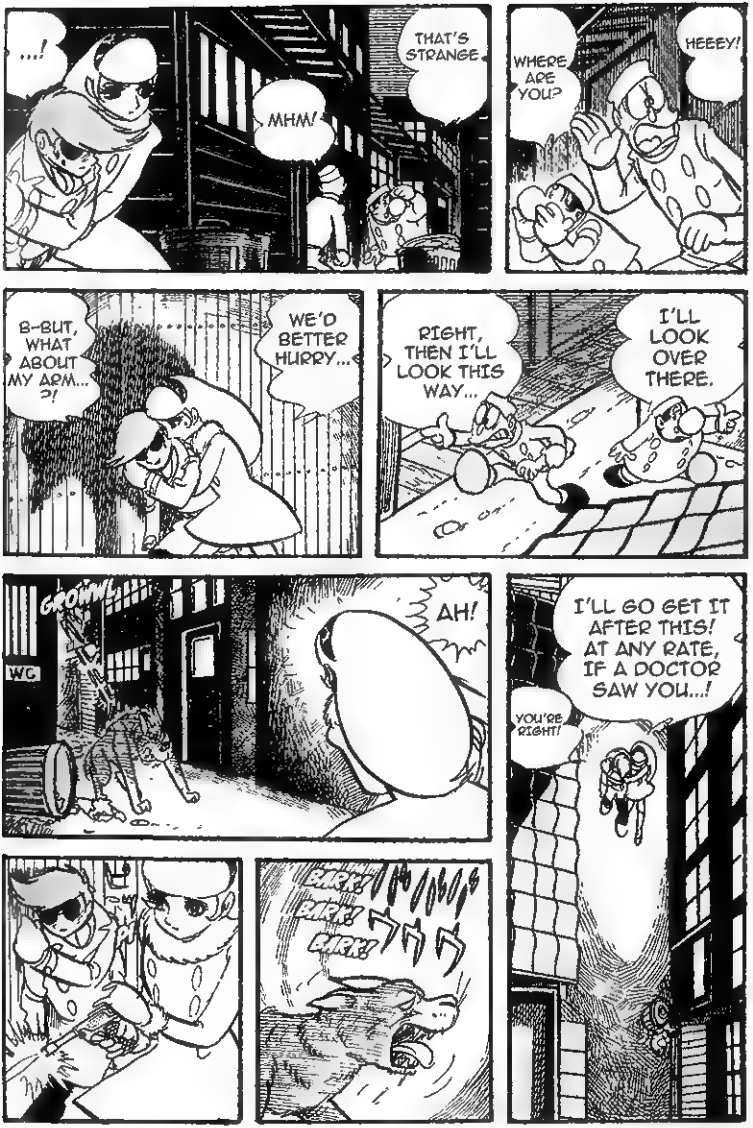
SOMEONE HAS BEEN INJURED IN... NO! YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!
YES, THIS IS CHINESE RESTAURANT CHANG CHANGKU!

VAN-ISHED WITHOUT A TRACE!
OH MY.

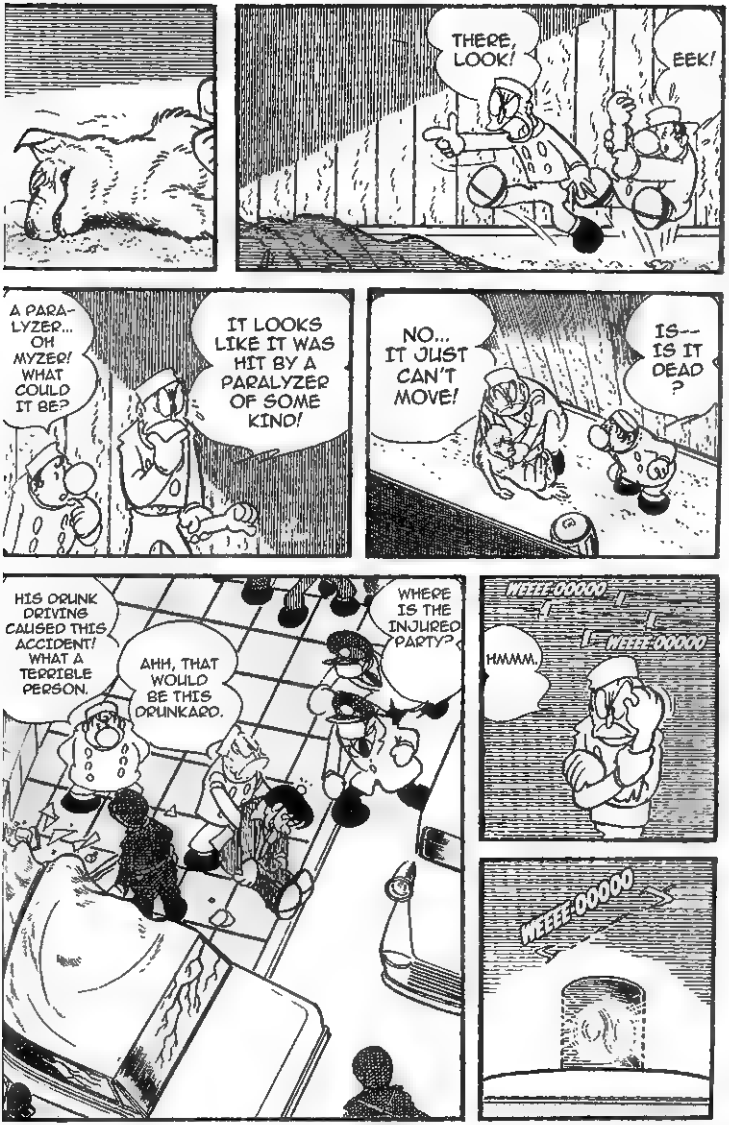

H-HEY! THE AMBULANCE MAY BE COMING, BUT THE PATIENT IS GONE!
AH, GB! THE AMBULANCE IS ON ITS WAY...

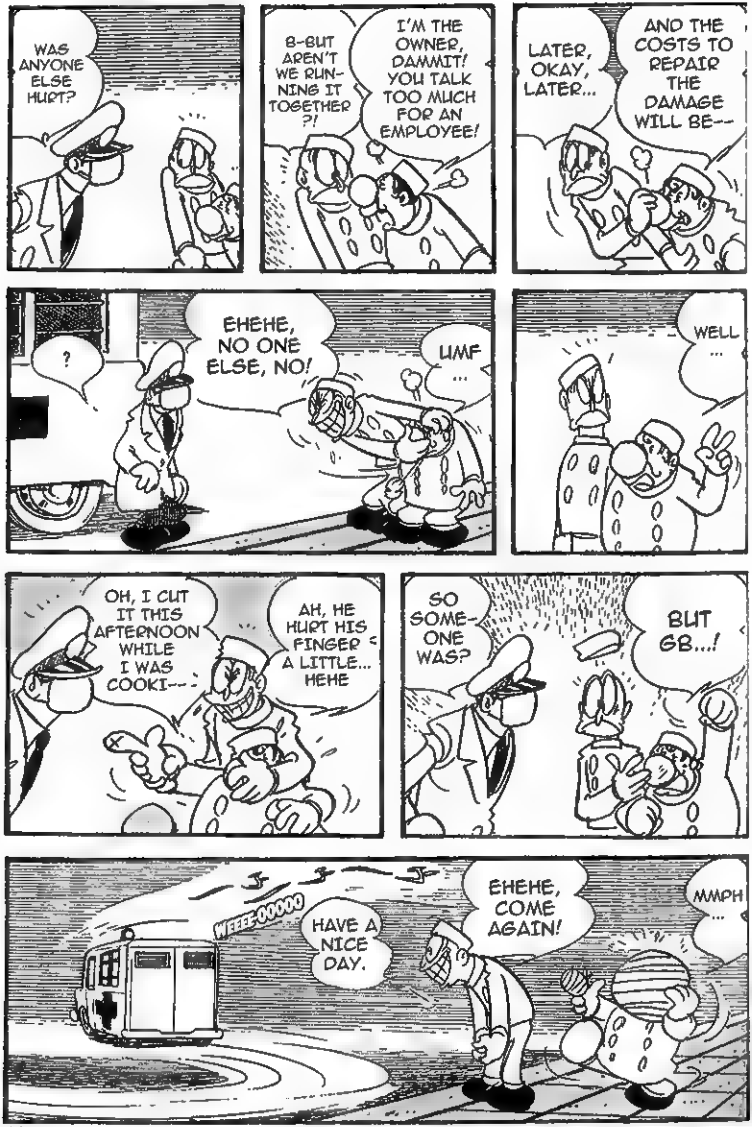
THEY WENT OUT THE BACK ENTRANCE!

CREAK
CREAK
CLOSE
HM!

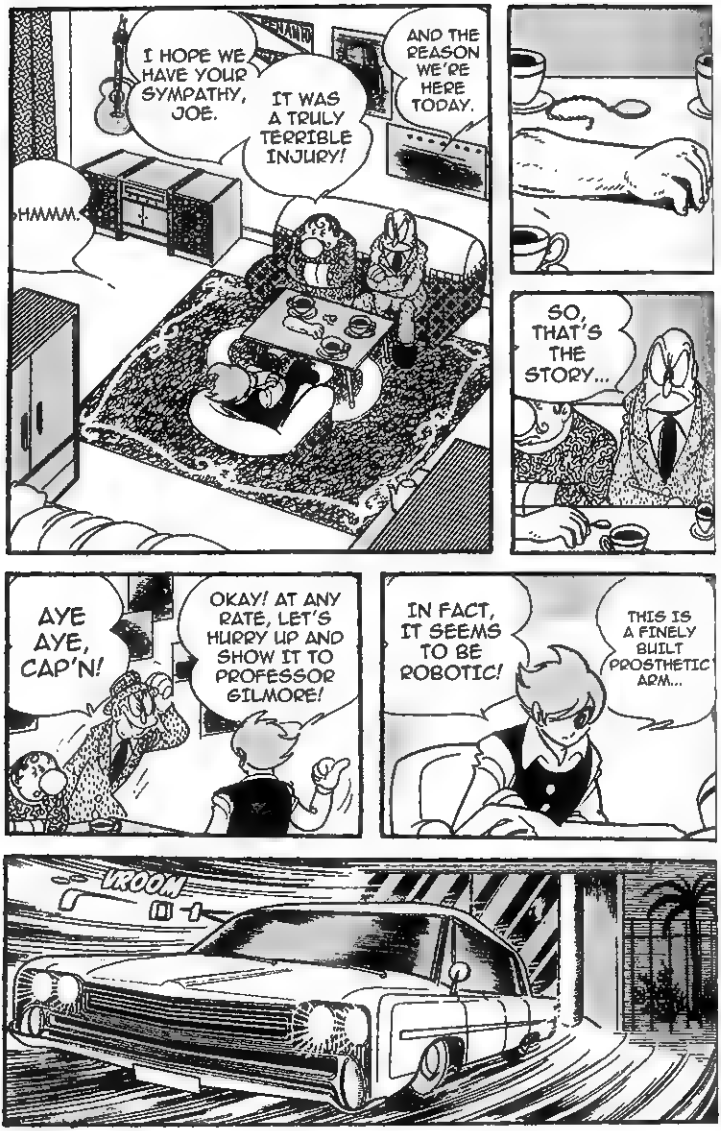

...!
MHM!
THAT'S STRANGE.
WHERE ARE YOU?
HEEEY!
B-BUT, WHAT ABOUT MY ARM...?!
WE'D BETTER HURRY...
RIGHT, THEN I'LL LOOK THIS WAY...
I'LL LOOK OVER THERE.
GROWW!
WC
AH!
I'LL GO GET IT AFTER THIS! AT ANY RATE, IF A DOCTOR SAW YOU...!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
BARK! BARK! BARK!

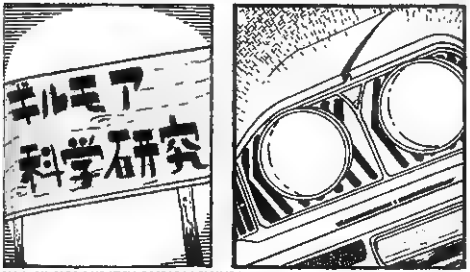
...
ZAP
I HEARD A DOG CRY FROM THAT DIRECTION EARLIER. SHOULD WE CHECK IT OUT?
HMM, THIS IS VERY STRANGE...
THEY'RE NOT HERE, EITHER?!
NONE.
ANY LUCK ON YOUR END?
DON'T BE STUPID! THIS BELONGS TO THE INJURED MAN FROM BEFORE!
AND GROW A THIRD ARM...
SO YOU DECIDED TO TAKE MY ADVICE AFTER ALL,
OHO!
LET'S GO LOOK!


THERE, LOOK!
EEK!
A PARA-LYZER... OH MYZE! WHAT COULD IT BE?
IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS HIT BY A PARALYZER OF SOME KIND!
NO... IT JUST CAN'T MOVE!
IS-- IS IT DEAD?
HIS DRUNK DRIVING CAUSED THIS ACCIDENT! WHAT A TERRIBLE PERSON.
AHH, THAT WOULD BE THIS DRUNKARD.
WHERE IS THE INJURED PARTY?
WEEEE-OOOOO
HMMM.
WEEEE-OOOOO
WEEEE-OOOOO


WAS ANYONE ELSE HURT?
B-BUT AREN'T WE RUNNING IT TOGETHER?!
I'M THE OWNER, DAMMIT! YOU TALK TOO MUCH FOR AN EMPLOYEE!
LATER, OKAY, LATER...
AND THE COSTS TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE WILL BE--
?
EHEHE, NO ONE ELSE, NO!
UMF ...
WELL ...
OH, I CUT IT THIS AFTERNOON WHILE I WAS COOKI---
AH, HE HURT HIS FINGER A LITTLE... HEHE
SO SOMEONE WAS?
BUT GB...!
WEEEOOOOO
HAVE A NICE DAY.
EHEHE, COME AGAIN!
MMPH ...

SHH!
SOMETHING OCCURRED TO ME!
OUCH! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL HIM ABOUT THOSE TWO?
OH NO! THE SWEET-AND-SOUR PORK I WAS MAKING!
SNIFF
SNIFF
STINKS?!
SOME-THING STINKS HERE!
THOSE TWO WERE ACTING MIGHTY FISHY...
LOOKS LIKE THERE'S SOME-THING IN HERE.
HMM, IT'S PRETTY HEAVY!
OHO?
JUST WHO WERE THOSE PEOPLE?!
DID THEY DROP THIS, TOO?


I HOPE WE HAVE YOUR SYMPATHY, JOE.
IT WAS A TRULY TERRIBLE INJURY!
AND THE REASON WE'RE HERE TODAY.
HMMM.
SO, THAT'S THE STORY...
AYE AYE, CAP'N!
OKAY! AT ANY RATE, LET'S HURRY UP AND SHOW IT TO PROFESSOR GILMORE!
IN FACT, IT SEEMS TO BE ROBOTIC!
THIS IS A FINELY BUILT PROSTHETIC ARM...
VROOM



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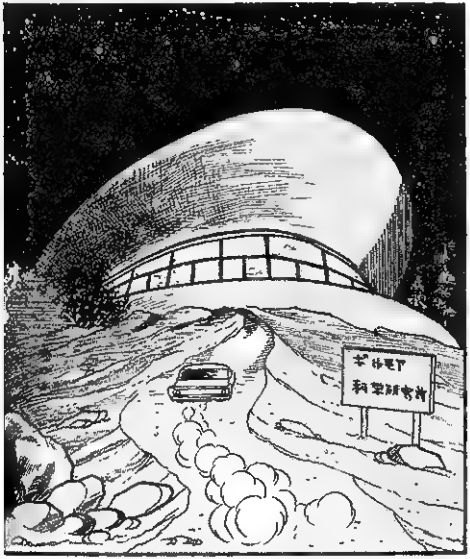

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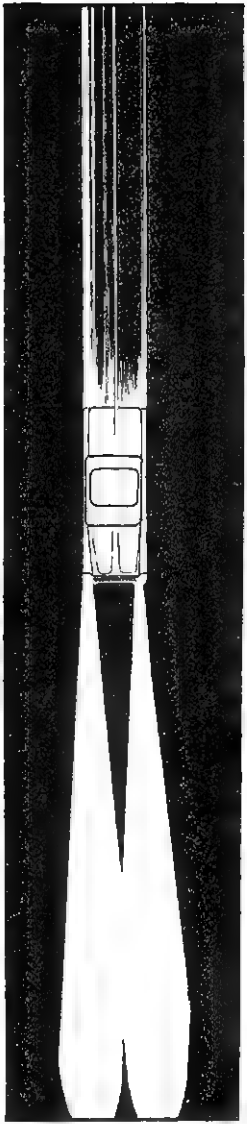
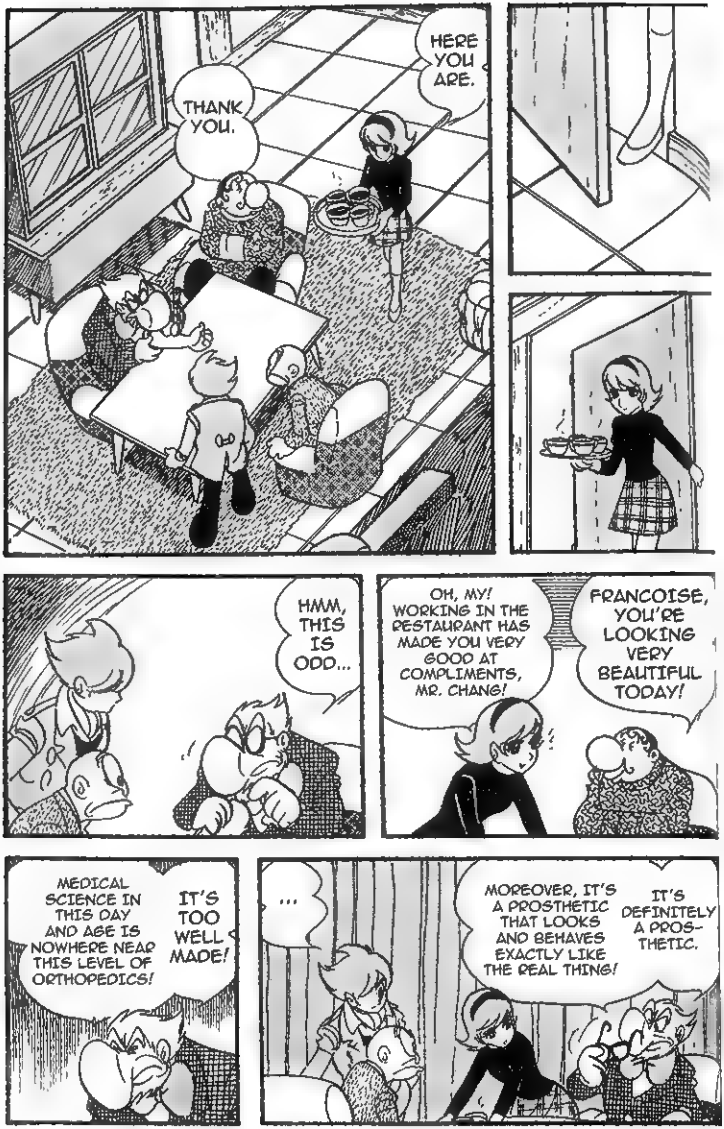
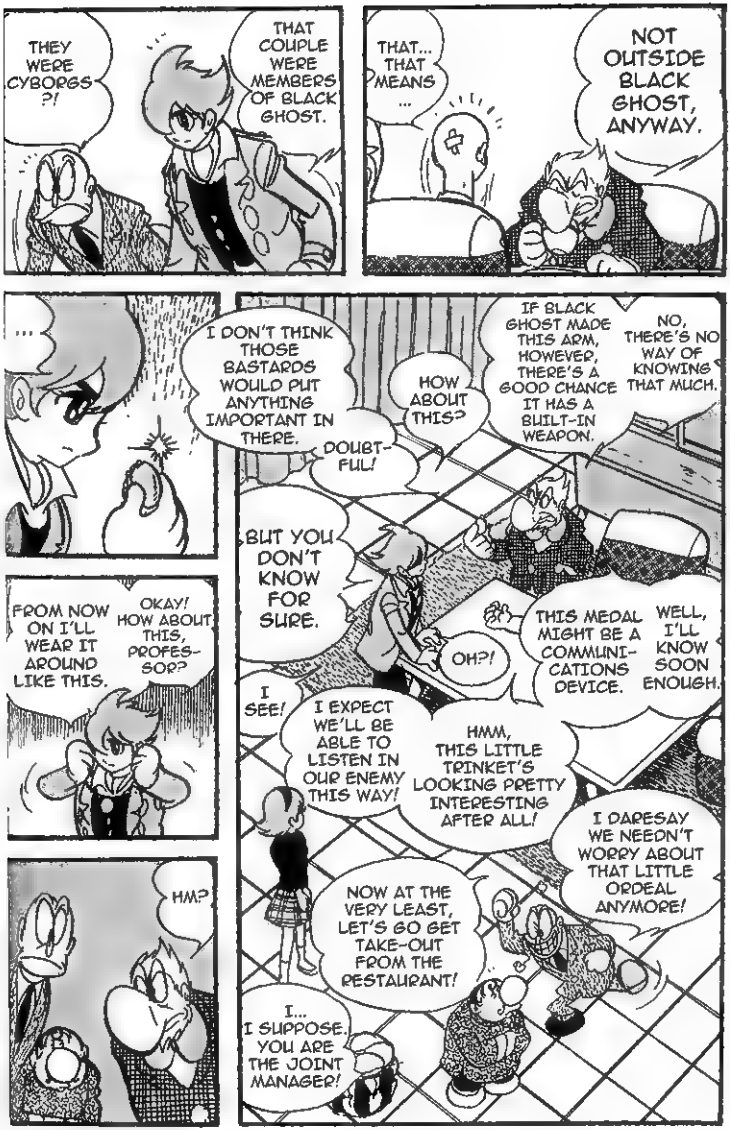
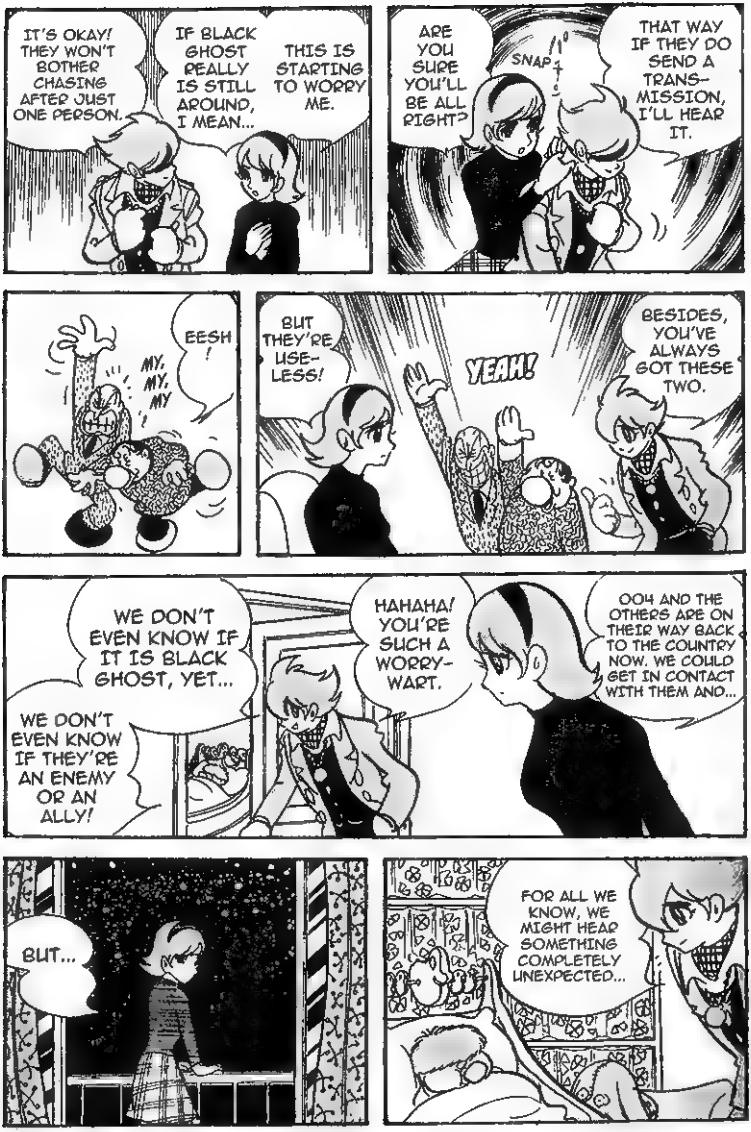
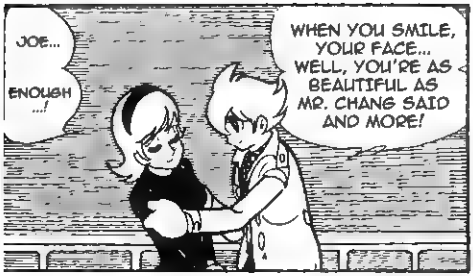


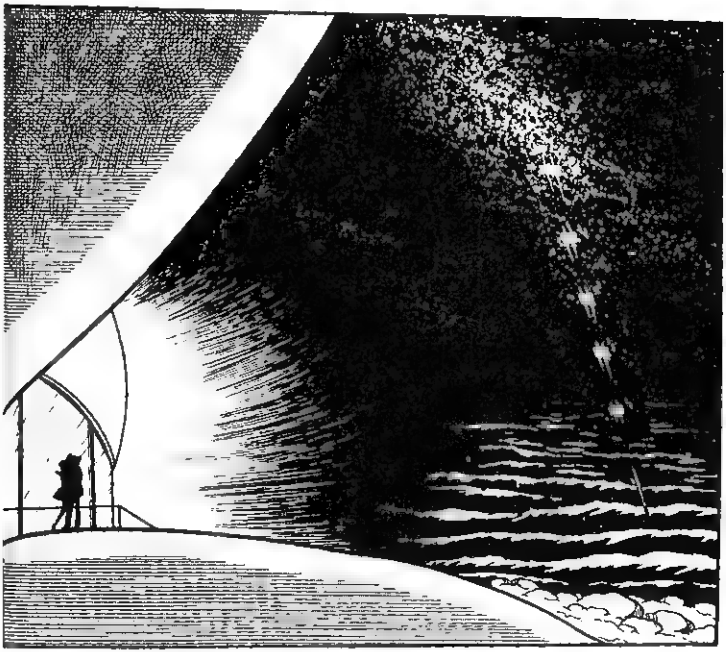

HERE YOU ARE.
THANK YOU.
HMM, THIS IS ODD...
OH, MY! WORKING IN THE RESTAURANT HAS MADE YOU VERY GOOD AT COMPLIMENTS, MR. CHANG!
FRANCOISE, YOU'RE LOOKING VERY BEAUTIFUL TODAY!
MEDICAL SCIENCE IN THIS DAY AND AGE IS NOWHERE NEAR THIS LEVEL OF ORTHOPEDICS!
IT'S TOO WELL MADE!
...
MOREOVER, IT'S A PROSTHETIC THAT LOOKS AND BEHAVES EXACTLY LIKE THE REAL THING!
IT'S DEFINITELY A PROSTHETIC.


THEY WERE CYBORGS?!
THAT COUPLE WERE MEMBERS OF BLACK GHOST.
THAT... THAT MEANS ...
NOT OUTSIDE BLACK GHOST, ANYWAY.
...
I DON'T THINK THOSE BASTARDS WOULD PUT ANYTHING IMPORTANT IN THERE.
DOUBT-FUL!
HOW ABOUT THIS?
IF BLACK GHOST MADE THIS ARM, HOWEVER, THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE IT HAS A BUILT-IN WEAPON.
NO, THERE'S NO WAY OF KNOWING THAT MUCH.
BUT YOU DON'T KNOW FOR SURE.
FROM NOW ON I'LL WEAR IT AROUND LIKE THIS.
OKAY! HOW ABOUT THIS, PROFES-SOR?
OH?!
THIS MEDAL MIGHT BE A COMMUNI-CATIONS DEVICE.
WELL, I'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH.
I SEE!
I EXPECT WE'LL BE ABLE TO LISTEN IN OUR ENEMY THIS WAY!
HMM, THIS LITTLE TRINKET'S LOOKING PRETTY INTERESTING AFTER ALL!
I DARESAY WE NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT LITTLE ORDEAL ANYMORE!
HM?
NOW AT THE VERY LEAST, LET'S GO GET TAKE-OUT FROM THE RESTAURANT!
I... I SUPPOSE YOU ARE THE JOINT MANAGER!

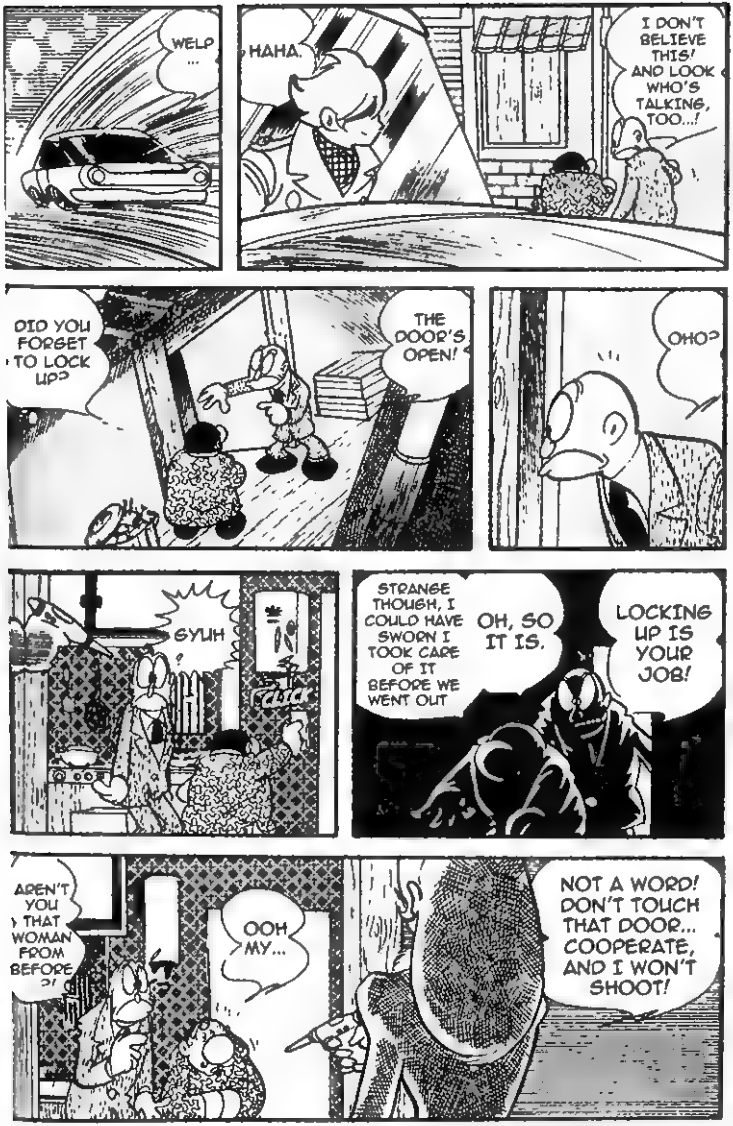

IT'S OKAY! THEY WON'T BOTHER CHASING AFTER JUST ONE PERSON.
IF BLACK GHOST REALLY IS STILL AROUND, I MEAN...
THIS IS STARTING TO WORRY ME.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT?
SNAP
THAT WAY IF THEY DO SEND A TRANS-MISSION, I'LL HEAR IT.
EESH!
MY, MY, MY
BUT THEY'RE USE-LESS!
YEAH!
BESIDES, YOU'VE ALWAYS GOT THESE TWO.
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF IT IS BLACK GHOST, YET...
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THEY'RE AN ENEMY OR AN ALLY!
HAHAHA! YOU'RE SUCH A WORRY-WART.
004 AND THE OTHERS ARE ON THEIR WAY BACK TO THE COUNTRY NOW. WE COULD GET IN CONTACT WITH THEM AND...
BUT...
FOR ALL WE KNOW, WE MIGHT HEAR SOMETHING COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED...



CHAPTER 2 THE BEAUTIFUL DEMON

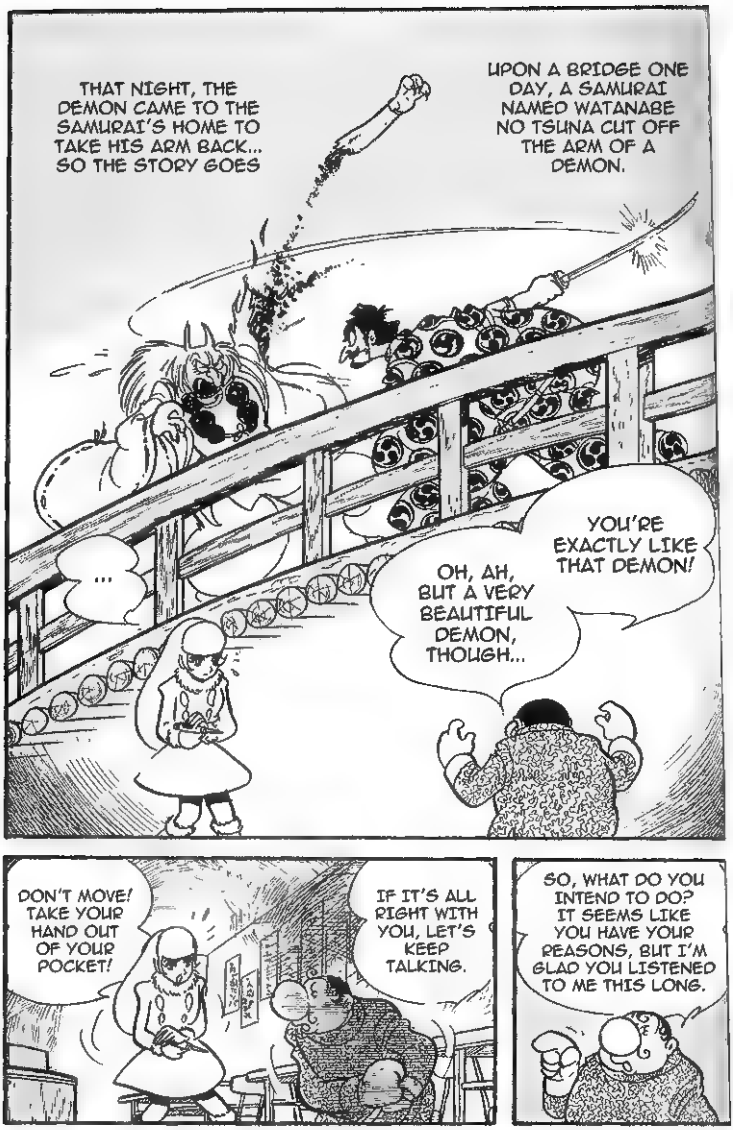


ALL YOU WANT TO DO IS FIGHT... SAVAGE!
HEHE, I HOPE SOME-THING DOES HAPPEN!
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, WE'LL LET YOU KNOW RIGHT AWAY.
AND SO, I BID YOU GOOD-NIGHT!
SCREECH
BUT WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, THERE'S NOTHING NOBLE ABOUT IT AT ALL.
IT SOUNDS NOBLE WHEN YOU SAY IT THAT WAY,
WATCH WHAT YOU SAY! OF COURSE I WANT TO DO BATTLE IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE!

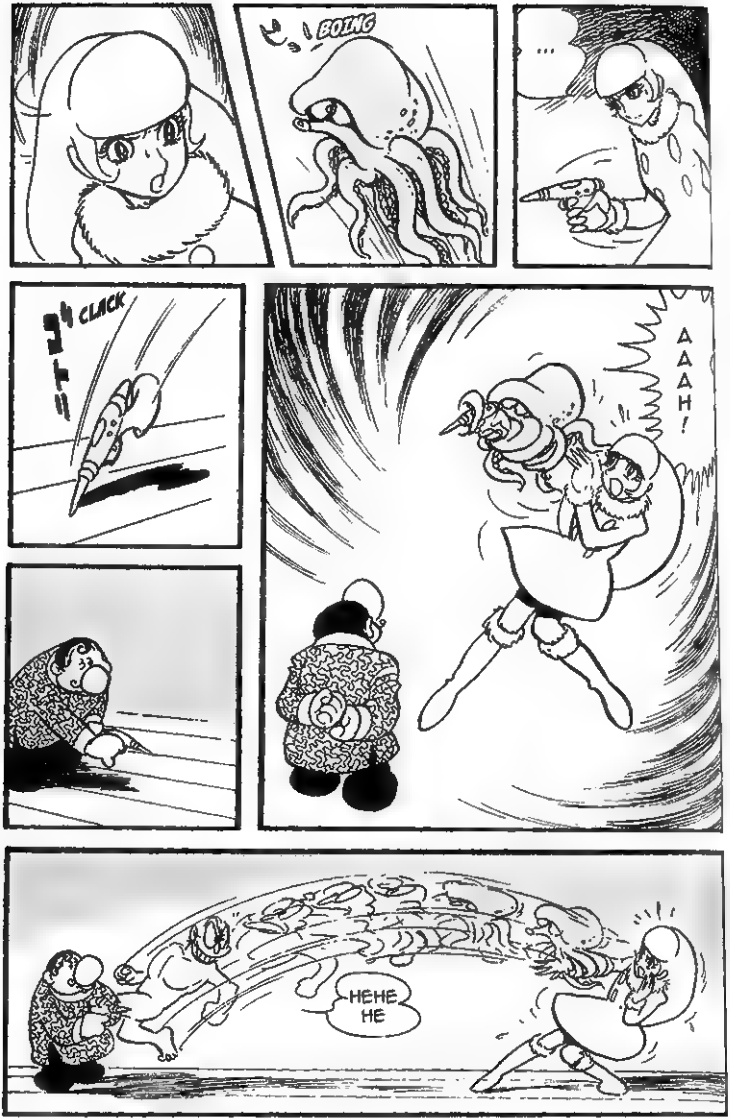

WELP ...
HAHA
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS! AND LOOK WHO'S TALKING, TOO...!
DID YOU FORGET TO LOCK UP?
THE DOOR'S OPEN!
OHO?
SYUH
click
STRANGE THOUGH, I COULD HAVE SWORN I TOOK CARE OF IT BEFORE WE WENT OUT
OH, SO IT IS.
LOCKING UP IS YOUR JOB!
AREN'T YOU THAT WOMAN FROM BEFORE...?
OOH MY...
NOT A WORD! DON'T TOUCH THAT DOOR... COOPERATE, AND I WON'T SHOOT!

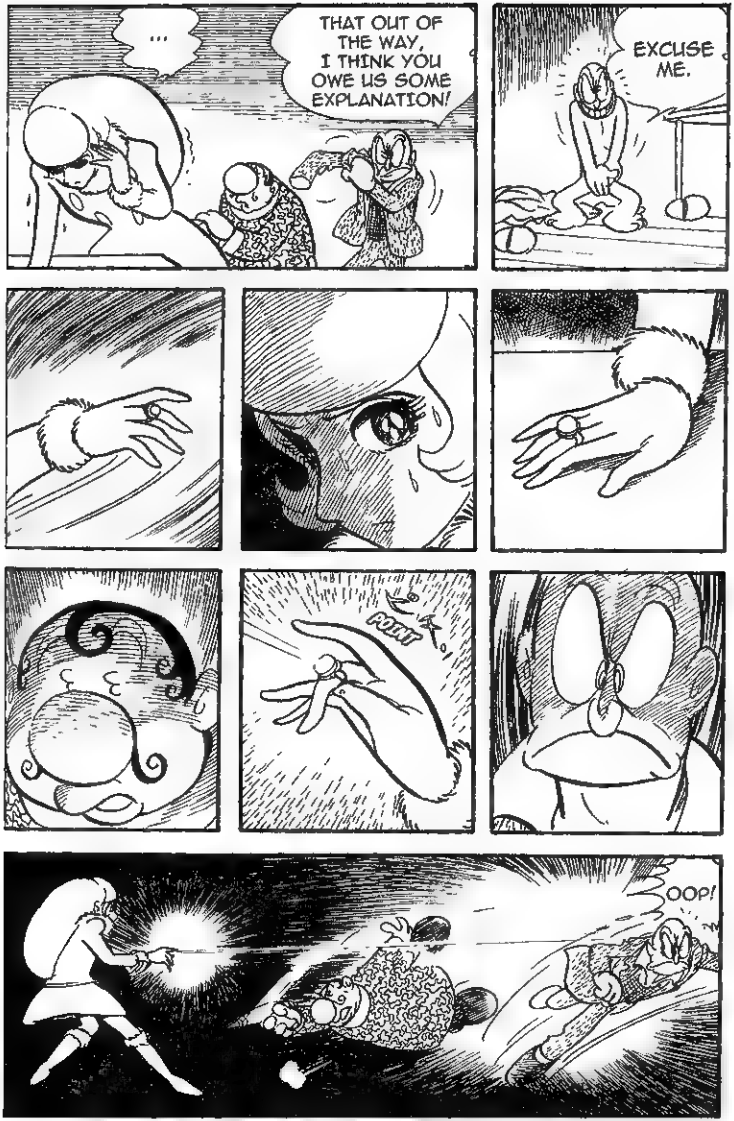
THE ARM... WHERE DID YOU PUT HIS ARM?!
PLEASE, GIVE IT BACK TO ME.
I SAID GIVE IT BACK...!
...
WHAT?!
...WE DON'T HAVE IT.
COME ON, QUICKLY NOW!
WHERE HAVE YOU HIDDEN IT?
I'VE LOOKED, BUT IT ISN'T ANY-WHERE!
GIVE IT TO ME SOON OR... OR I'LL SHOOT ONE OF YOU!
DON'T JOKE AROUND WITH ME! I WANT THE TRUTH!
EHEHE, ACTUALLY, HE MEANS TO SAY IT IS HERE, BUT JAPANESE ISN'T HIS FIRST LANGUAGE, SO SOMETIMES HE GETS A LITTLE CONFUSED...
IT ISN'T HERE.

...
HE'S GOT A POINT, YOU KNOW! IS THIS HOW YOU TREAT PEOPLE WHO HELP YOU?
HMMPH! AFTER OUR KIND DEED, THIS IS HOW YOU REPAY US!
GRK
EEYAH
YOU DEMON!
...
OH MY, OH MY, OHH MY MY.
...?
IN JAPAN, THERE'S AN OLD FAIRY TALE THAT GOES LIKE THIS:
NO NO, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING!
IN ANY CASE... THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE!
C-CALL ME WHATEVER YOU WANT!

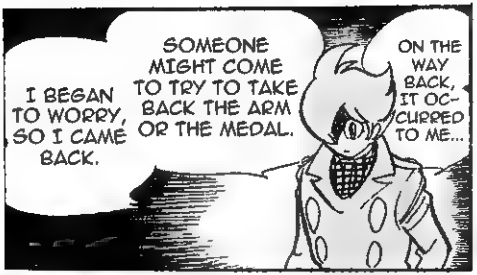

THAT NIGHT, THE DEMON CAME TO THE SAMURAI'S HOME TO TAKE HIS ARM BACK... SO THE STORY GOES
UPON A BRIDGE ONE DAY, A SAMURAI NAMED WATANABE NO TSUNA CUT OFF THE ARM OF A DEMON.
...
OH, AH, BUT A VERY BEAUTIFUL DEMON, THOUGH...
YOU'RE EXACTLY LIKE THAT DEMON!
DON'T MOVE! TAKE YOUR HAND OUT OF YOUR POCKET!
IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, LET'S KEEP TALKING.
SO, WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO? IT SEEMS LIKE YOU HAVE YOUR REASONS, BUT I'M GLAD YOU LISTENED TO ME THIS LONG.

AH?!
LIGHT
IT'S JUST MY PIPE. I NEED A SMOKE!
OR PERHAPS I SIMPLY FELL UNDER YOUR SPELL.
D'OH! EXCUSE ME, I'M OUT OF THE HABIT OF TALKING TO NORMAL PEOPLE!
TOSS
KNOCK
WH-WHO ARE YOU?!
PUFF
スススパパパ
PUFF PUFF
AH, I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD WORK...
IF YOU R-REALLY FEEL THAT WAY... THEN YOU'LL GIVE ME BACK THE ARM NOW...!
STOP ACTING SO NICE!
C-CUT IT OUT!
AH, LOOK AT THAT. IT'S THE OCTOPUS I WAS GOING TO COOK TOMORROW.
HUH ?!


BOING
...
CLACK
AAAH!
HEHE HE


...
THAT OUT OF THE WAY, I THINK YOU OWE US SOME EXPLANATION!
EXCUSE ME.
POINT
OOP!

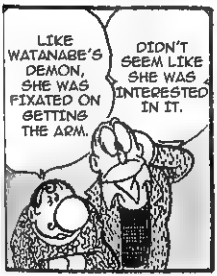
SIZZLE
AHH!
LET'S GIVE JOE A CALL!
MM, RIGHT.
THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT, BLACK GHOST IS BEHIND THIS.
PHEW! SHE'S... DEFINITELY NOT YOUR AVERAGE GIRL!

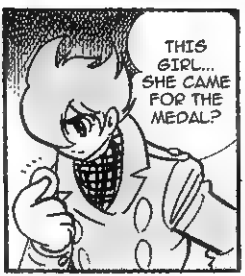

I BEGAN TO WORRY, SO I CAME BACK.
SOMEONE MIGHT COME TO TRY TO TAKE BACK THE ARM OR THE MEDAL.
ON THE WAY BACK, IT OC-CURRED TO ME...

I'M ALREADY HERE.
OH!
AH, WHY?

HM!

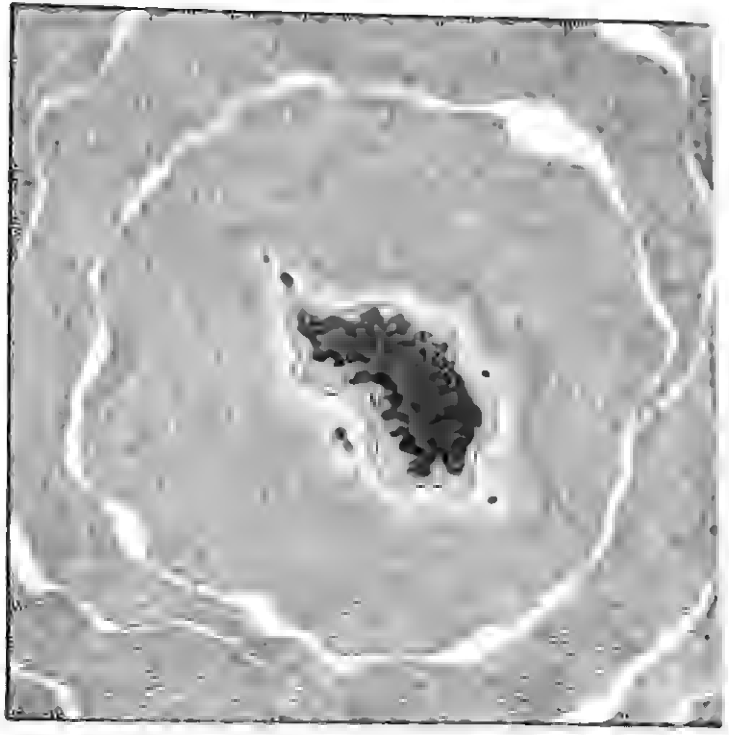
SOMETHING RUBS ME WRONG ABOUT THIS WHOLE THING, THOUGH.
IT HAS TO BE BLACK GHOST!
THERE'S A HEAT RAY HIDDEN IN THIS RING!

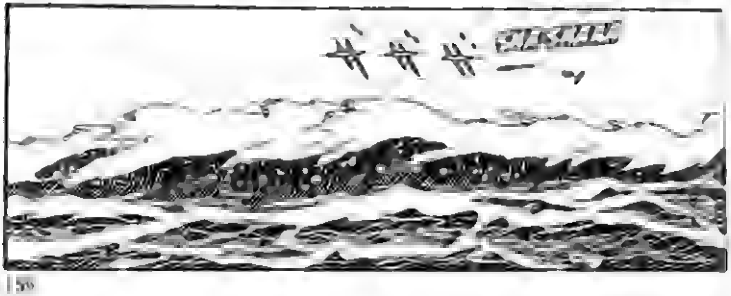

LIKE WATANABE'S DEMON, SHE WAS FIXATED ON GETTING THE ARM.
DIDN'T SEEM LIKE SHE WAS INTERESTED IN IT.

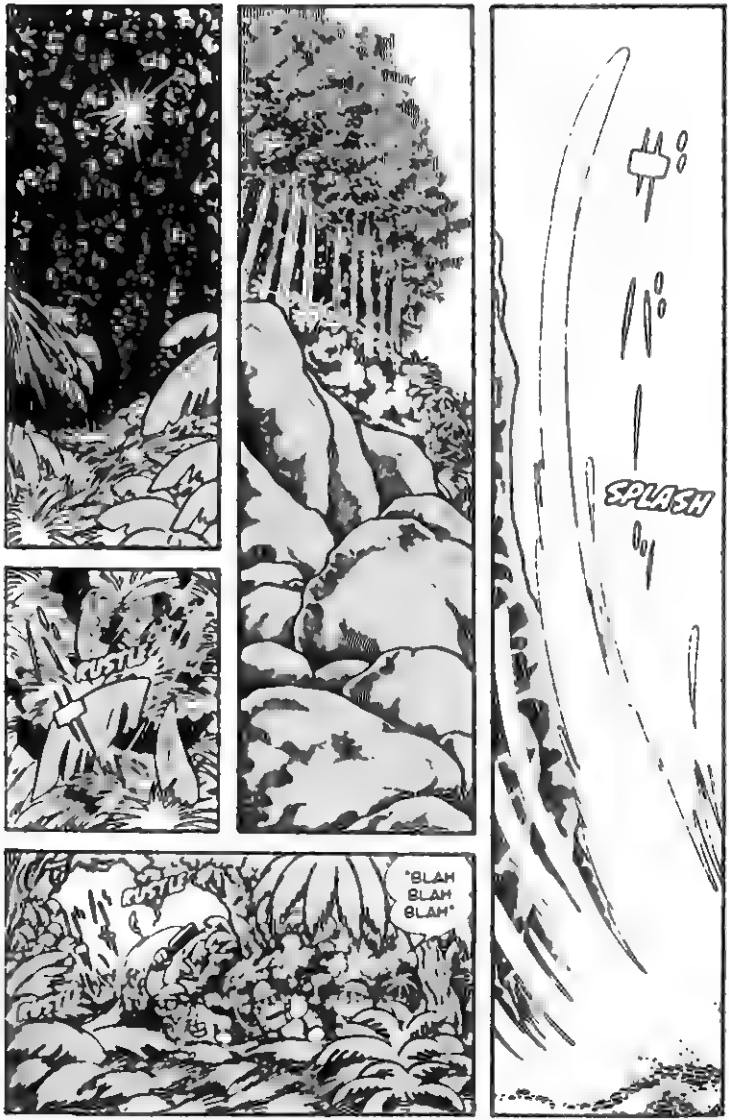

THIS GIRL... SHE CAME FOR THE MEDAL?

MAYBE IT'S PICKING UP A SIGNAL.
SHH!
GUH! THE MEDAL'S GLOWING!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
...
...
SHOO-SHOO SHOO-SHOO
SHOO-SHOO-SHOO-SHOO
SHOO-SHOO-SHOO-SHOO
...
THE NOISE STOPPED.
...
HM ?!
BUZZ
GYOH!
CRACKLE
AHH!

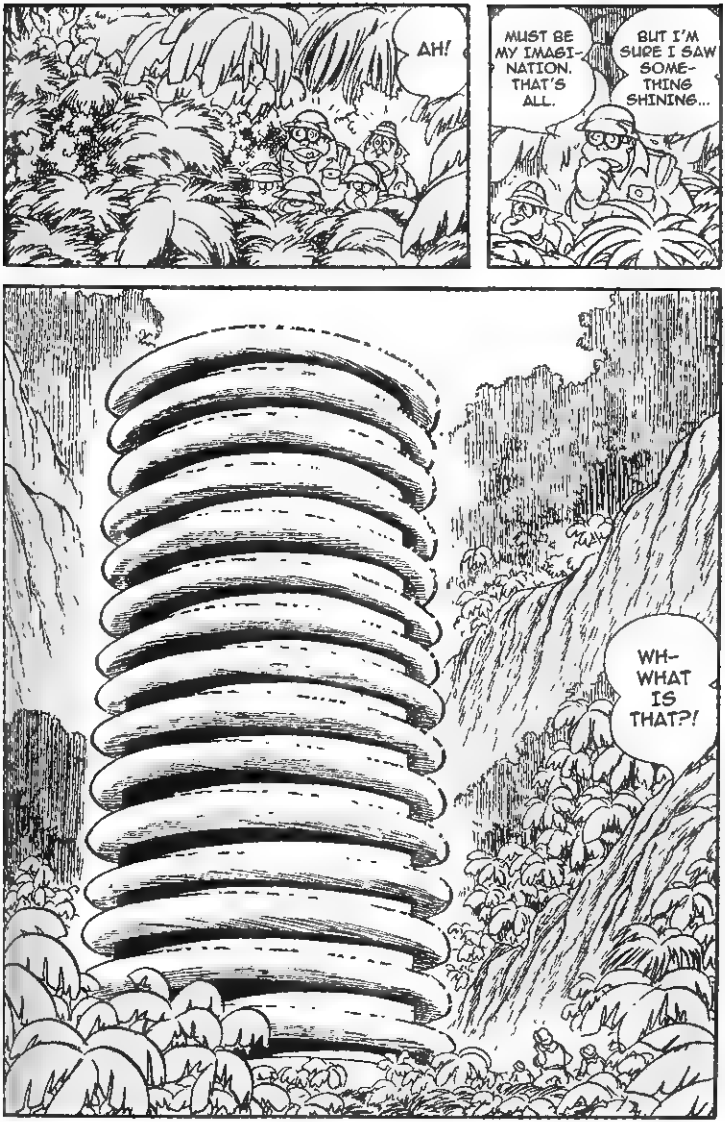
THEY MUST HAVE GOTTEN SUSPICIOUS WHEN THERE WAS NO REPLY ON OUR END!
THAT COULD BE.
LOOKS LIKE WE WERE FOUND OUT!
I-IT EXPLODED INTO NOTHING!
IT COULD BE SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY ...
AND WE HAVE NO ONE TO ASK BUT THAT GIRL.
...
"SHOO SHOO SHOO SHOO" NOISE ALL ABOUT?
SO, WHAT WAS THAT...
NO, THAT'S PROBABLY NOT IT.
"SHOO SHOO"... "SHOO SHOO FLY, SHOO"?
OR, MAYBE NOT...
THE PASSWORD IS PROBABLY SOMETHING YOU'D HEAR IN A NORMAL CALL...



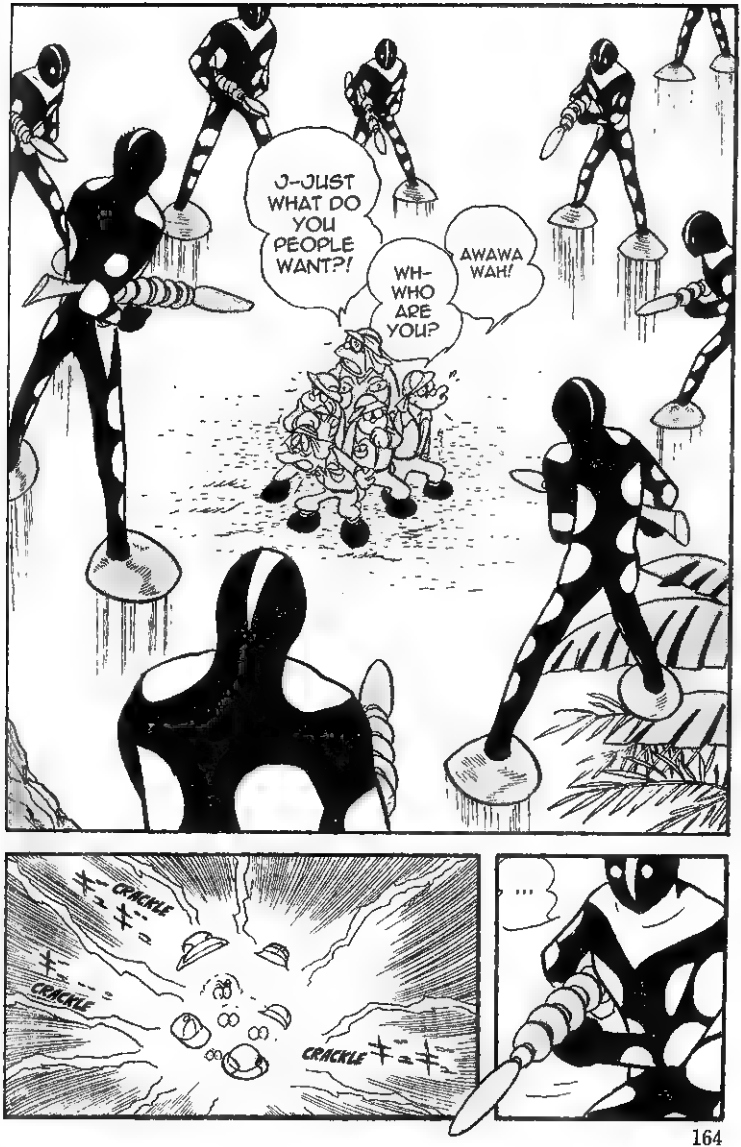


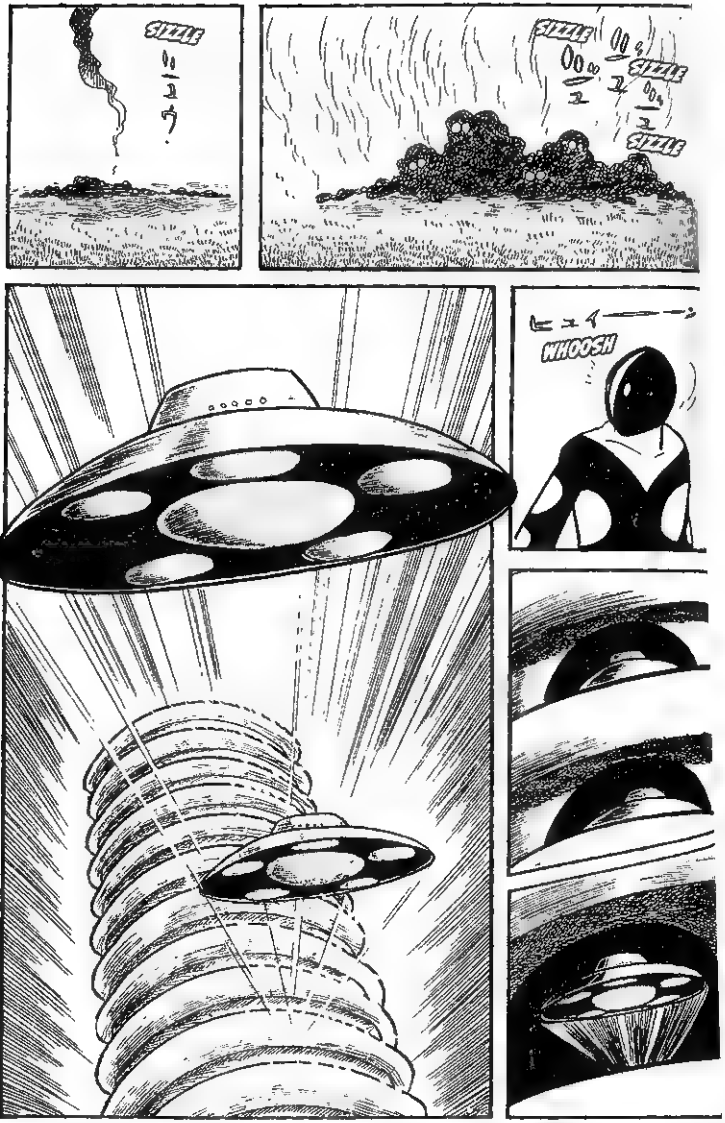

SPLASH
"BLAH BLAH BLAH"

WE'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE A KILLING OFF THIS LAND!
IF WE CAN GET OUR HANDS ON IT NOW..
HUH?
THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE GIVING AMERICA ...
YOU'RE HAVING US BREAK OUR BACKS FOR A PLOT OF WILDER-NESS!
AH, BUT YOU SEE, JAPAN HAS MANY ENTRANCES
IF THIS IS UNGUARDED, THEN SOME-ONE COULD INFILTRATE THROUGH EVEN HERE IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!
THERE'S NO REASON FOR ANYONE TO BE IN NORTH IWO JIMA!
EH?
SOME-ONE'S THERE!
NO WAY! THIS ISLAND IS COMPLETELY UNINHABITED


AH!
MUST BE MY IMAGI-NATION. THAT'S ALL.
BUT I'M SURE I SAW SOME-THING SHINING...
WH-WHAT IS THAT?!

LOOKS LIKE EVERYBODY PACKED UP AND WENT HOME.
SO- SOMEONE'S UP THERE!
WHOOSH
C-COULD IT BE AN AMERICAN MISSILE BASE?
B-BUT WHY WOULD THEY BUILD ONE OUT HERE...
I DUNNO. THEY'RE TERRIFIED OF WAR OVER THERE, AND PLENTY RICH, THOUGH, SO...
THEY'VE ALREADY BUILT MILITARY BASES EVERYWHERE ELSE...
IT'S STRANGE, THOUGH. I DON'T SEE ANYONE, ANYWHERE.


J-JUST WHAT DO YOU PEOPLE WANT?!
WH-WHO ARE YOU?
AWAWA WAH!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
...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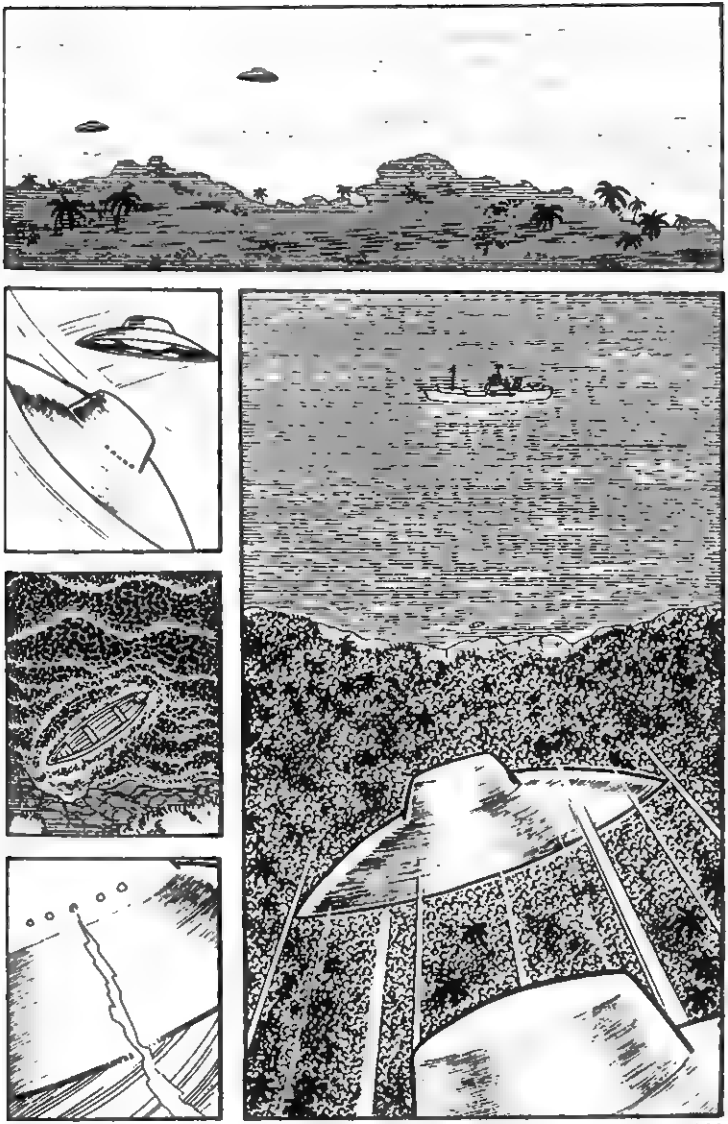
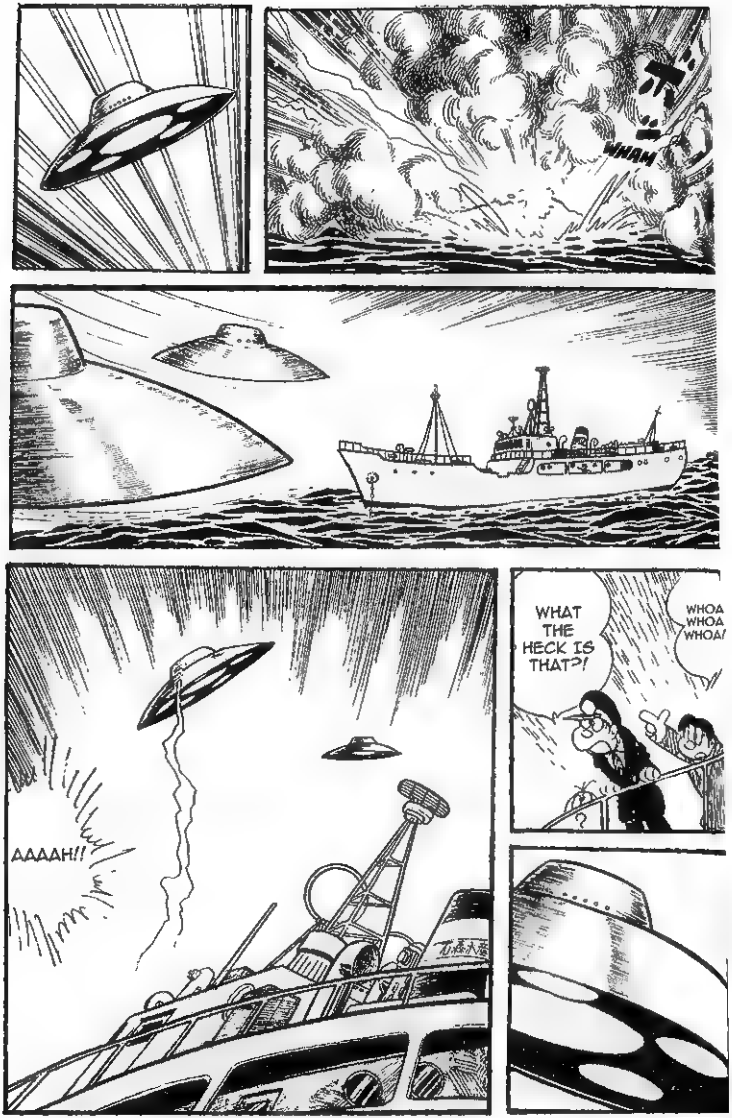
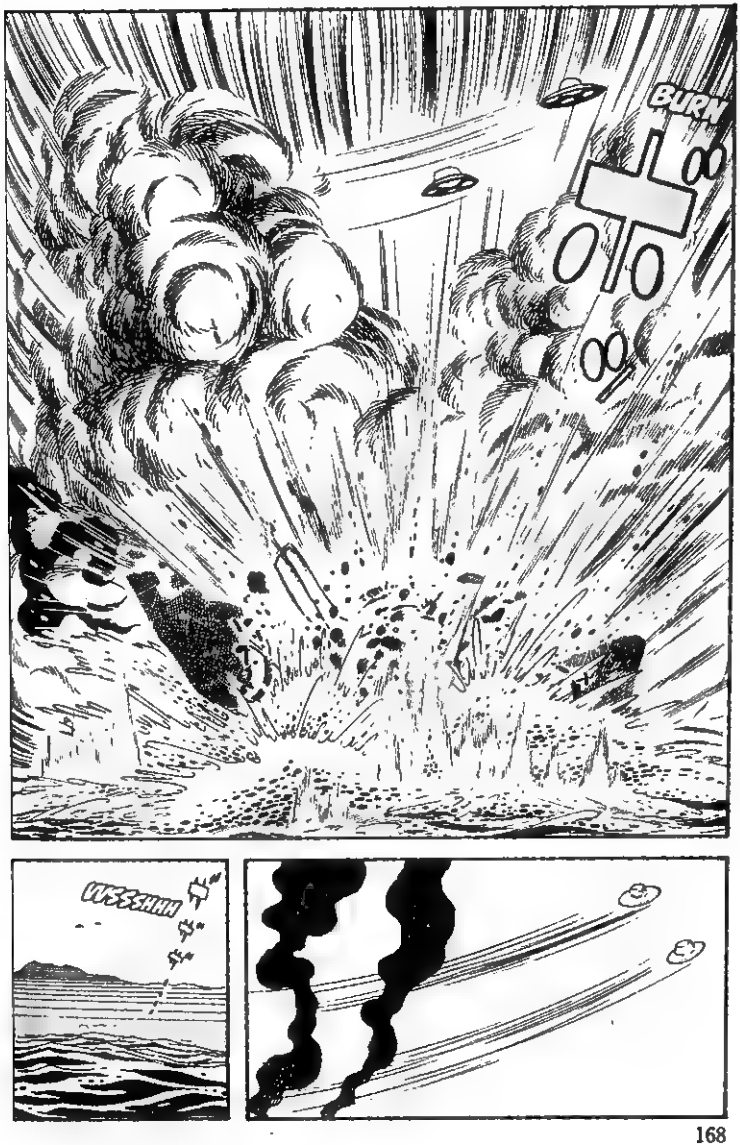
ヒュイ
WHOOSH




WHAM
AAAAH!!
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!
WHOA WHOA WHOA!


BURN
HISSSHHH

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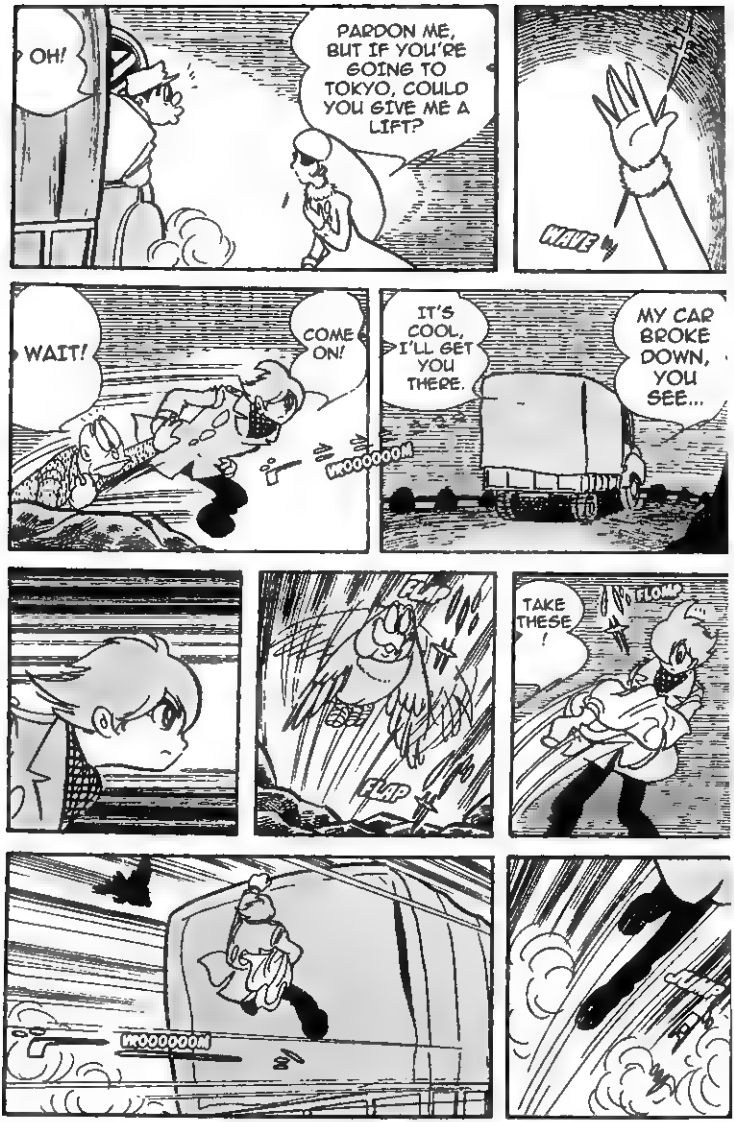
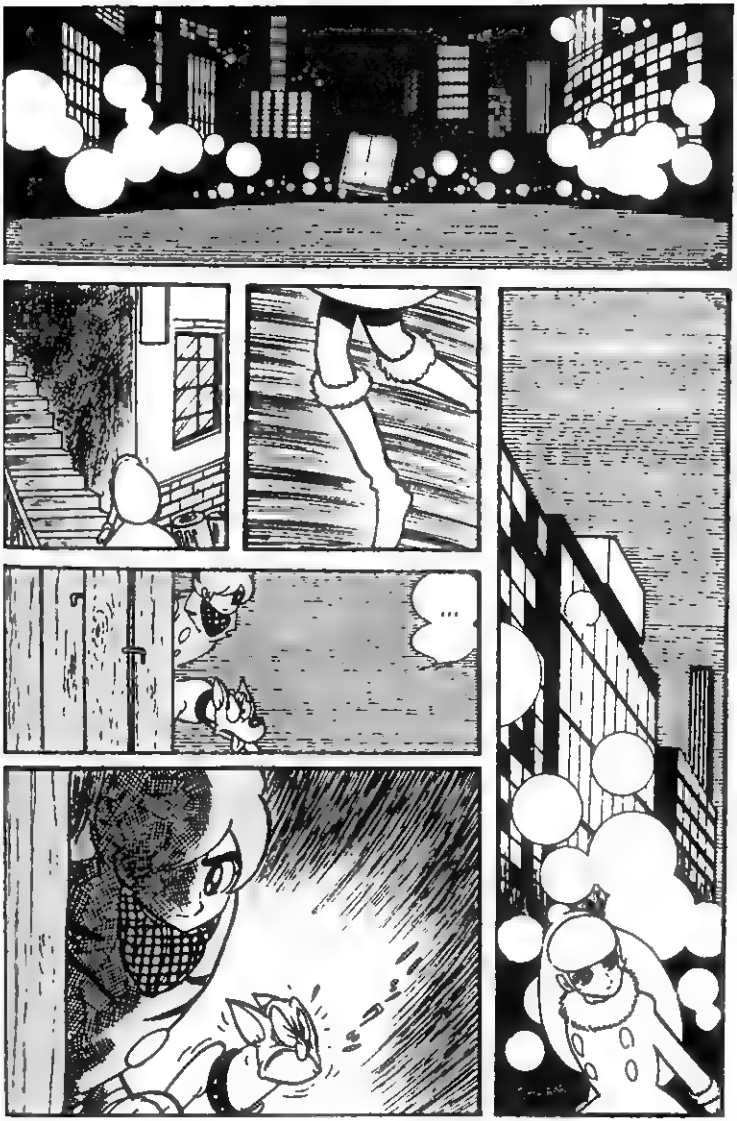
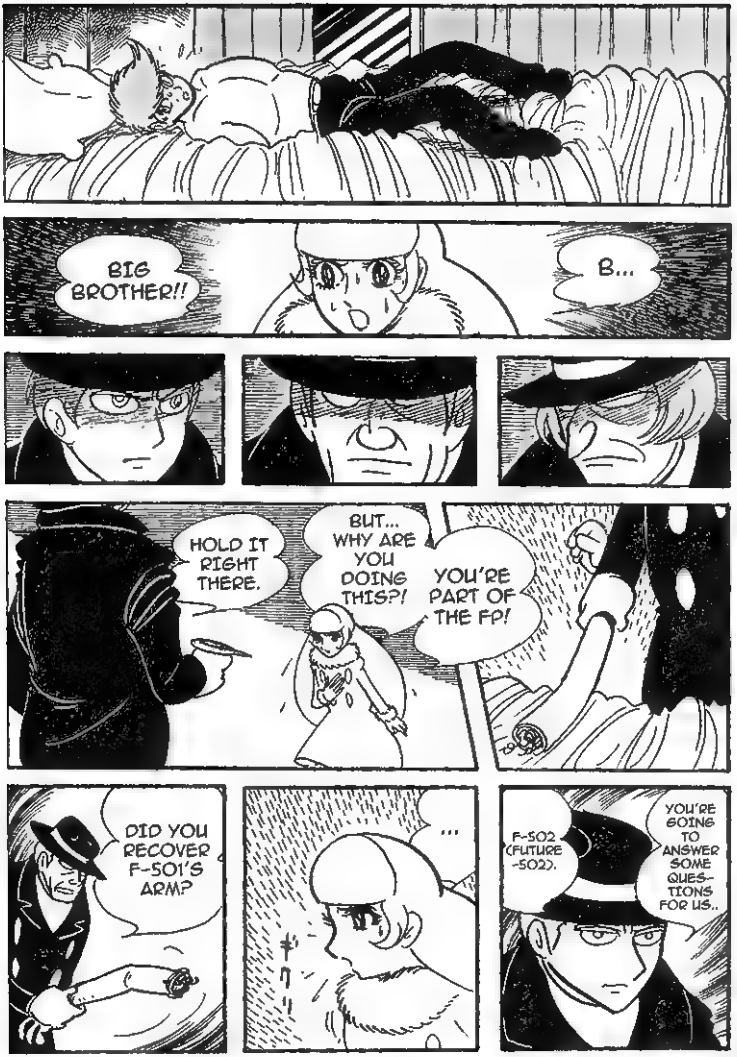
...
GOOD GUYS OR BAD GUYS, AS LONG AS WE'RE ONLY THROWING OUT GUESSES WE'RE IN BAD POSITION...
WHATEVER WE ASKED HER, SHE'D JUST CLAM UP AND START CRYING...
WE HAVE TO... THERE'S NO OTHER WAY.
IS IT REALLY OKAY TO LET HER RUN AWAY?
BEFORE IT COMES DOWN TO THAT, WE'LL LET HER ESCAPE ON HER OWN... THAT WAY, SHE CAN LEAD US RIGHT TO THEM.
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE WE COULD DO BUT HIT HER TO MAKE HER CONFESS

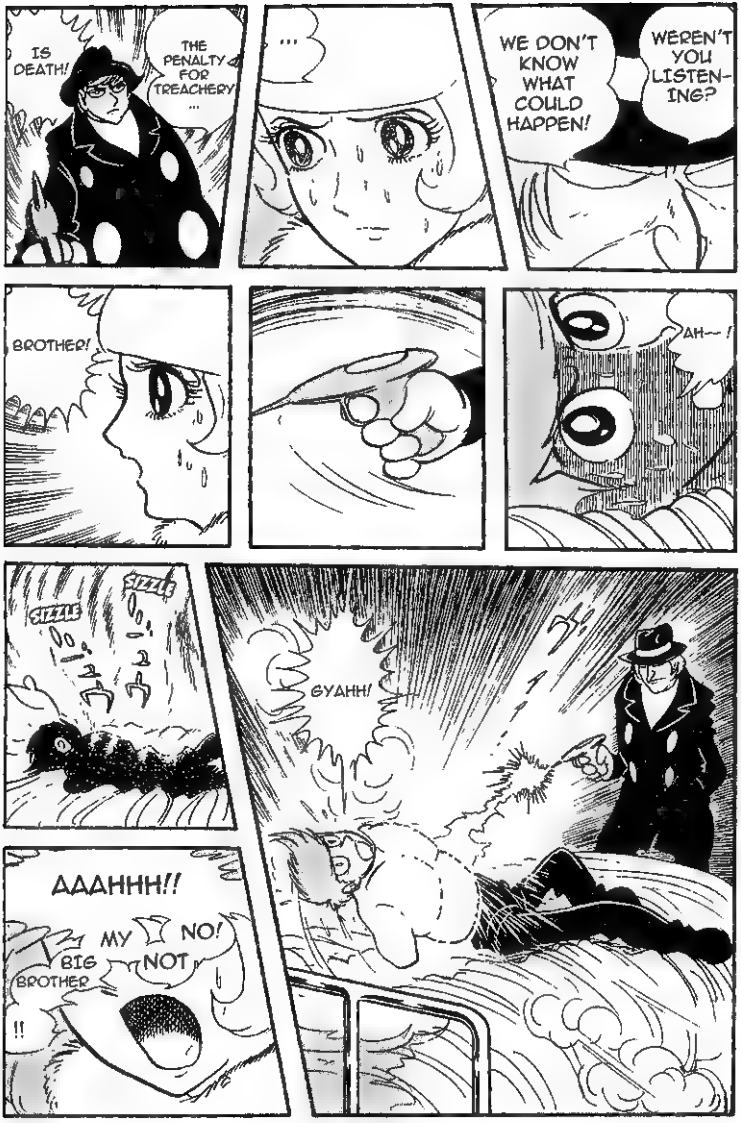

OH!
PARDON ME, BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO TOKYO, COULD YOU GIVE ME A LIFT?
WAVE
WAIT!
COME ON!
WOOOOOOM
IT'S COOL, I'LL GET YOU THERE.
MY CAR BROKE DOWN, YOU SEE...
FLAP
FLAP
TAKE THESE!
FLOMP
WOOOOOOM



キ…
CREAK
TMP
TMP
TMP
AH!

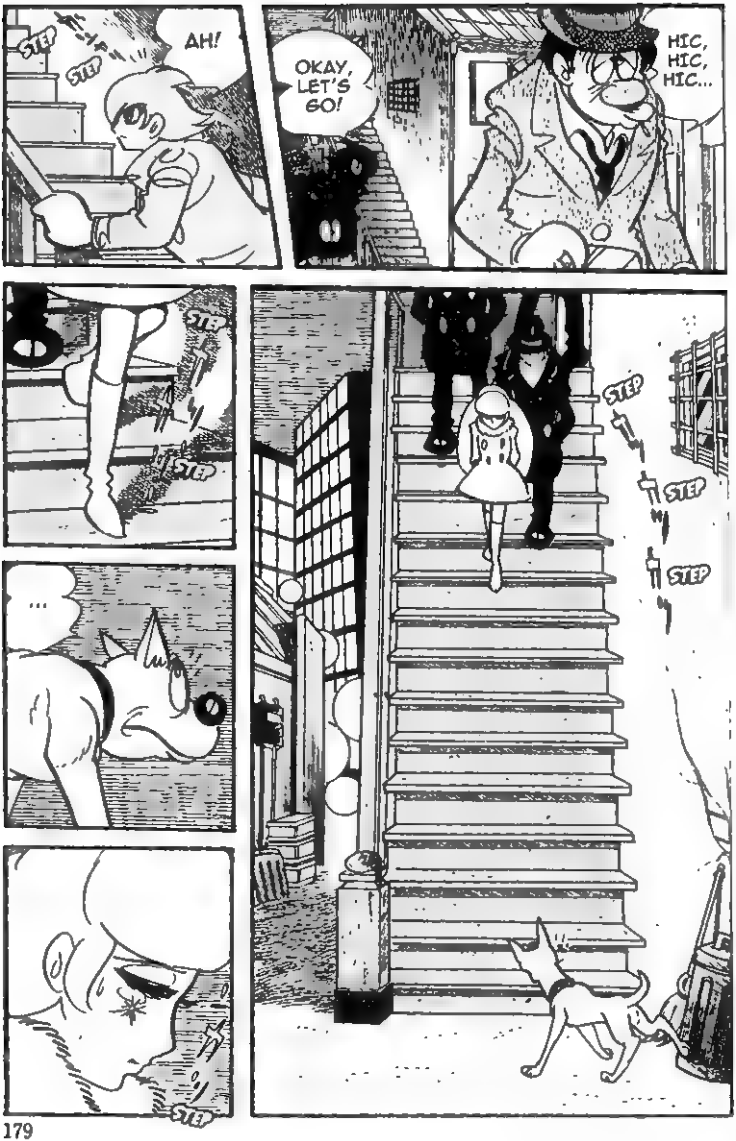

BIG BROTHER!!
B...
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE.
BUT... WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!
YOU'RE PART OF THE FP!
DID YOU RECOVER F-501'S ARM?
...
F-502 (FUTURE -502).
YOU'RE GOING TO ANSWER SOME QUES-TIONS FOR US..

HMPH, JUST AS I THOUGHT!
NO, I...
OUR SECRET WAS NEARLY DISCOVERED!
IT WAS IN THE STIPULATIONS OF YOUR ORDERS, SO I KNOW YOU KNOW THIS!
PREPARATIONS ARE NOT YET FINISHED FOR PLAN E.
YOU'VE BOTH SCREWED THINGS UP ENTIRELY.
IDIOT! CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING?
YOU LOST A REMODELED BODY PART AND A COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE!
WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DESTROY IT IMMEDIATELY AFTER FINDING OUT...
...
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT COULD HAPPEN. YOUR ACTIONS ARE TANTAMOUNT TO TREACHERY.
OUR TRUE FORMS CANNOT BE KNOWN TO THE PAST MEN! IF WE WERE DISCOVERED...
WE'RE OUT OF OUR CONTROL!
MY BROTHER WAS HIT BY A CAR--
B-BUT, THE CIRCUMSTANCES...


IS DEATH!
THE PENALTY FOR TREACHERY ...
...
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT COULD HAPPEN!
WEREN'T YOU LISTEN-ING?
BROTHER!
AH—!
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
GYAHH!
AAAHHH!!
MY BIG BROTHER
NO! NOT
!!

MMPH
SHUT IT, YOU DUMB BROAD!
SEIZE
BROTHER !!
SUCH SENTIMENT!
BROTHER !!
Y... YES! I WANT TO DIE! KILL ME! KILL ME!!
F-502, DO YOU WANT TO DIE TOO?!
LET'S JUST GET IT OVER WITH!
THERE'S NO POINT IN SCOLDING HER IF SHE'S GOING TO DIE ANYWAY.
YOU'VE SPENT TOO MUCH TIME AMONG THEM.
JUST GOES TO SHOW...
YOU'RE REALLY JUST LIKE A PAST MAN!
...
SO, WHO HAS IT AND WHERE ARE THEY? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA?
WE HAVE TO GET IT BACK.
WE CAN'T RISK EVIDENCE OF OUR EXISTENCE FALLING INTO PAST MAN HANDS!
THIS IS A MATTER OF F-501'S MISSING ARM!

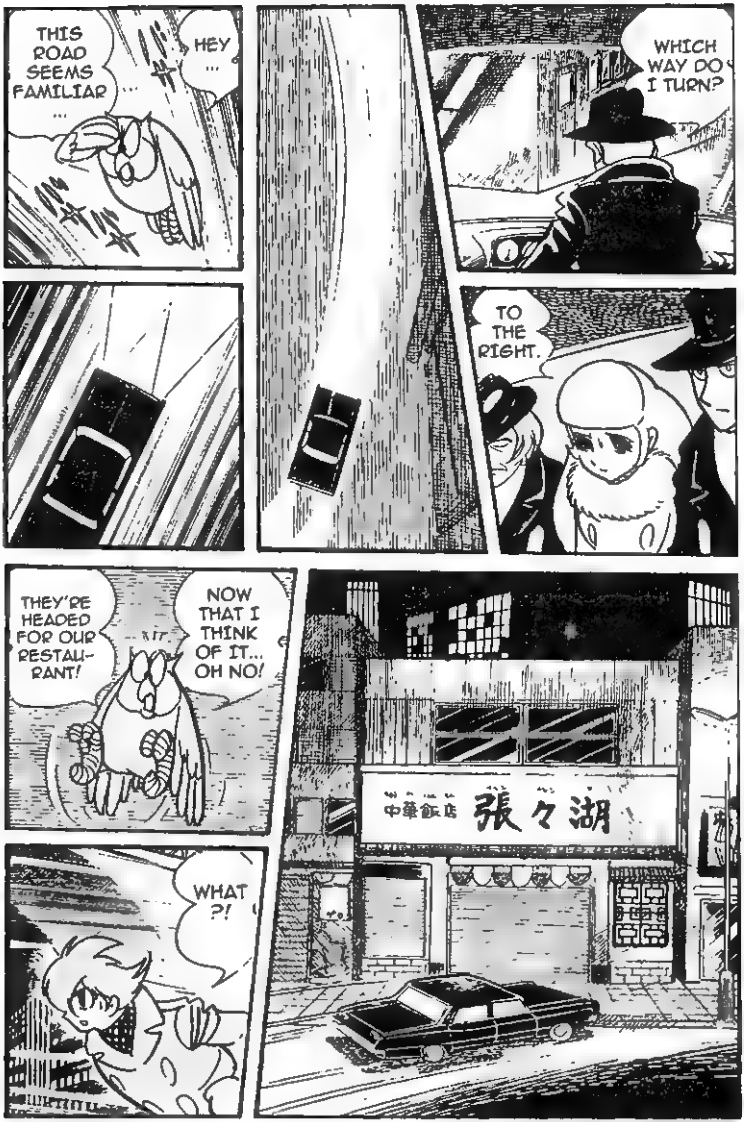
I HEARD IT TOO. IT SOUNDED LIKE THAT WOMAN...
HEY, JOE, DIDN'T THAT SOUND LIKE SOMEONE SCREAMING JUST NOW?
"SOB"
IT STOPPED!
LET'S--
LET'S CHECK IT OUT!
...
I MUSTA DIED AND GONE TO HEAVEN!
"HIC" WHEHEEE, I JUST FEEL SO GREAT!
I MUST BE DEAD...
"HIC" WHEEE!


STEP
STEP
AH!
OKAY, LET'S GO!
HIC, HIC, HIC...
STEP
STEP
...
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP

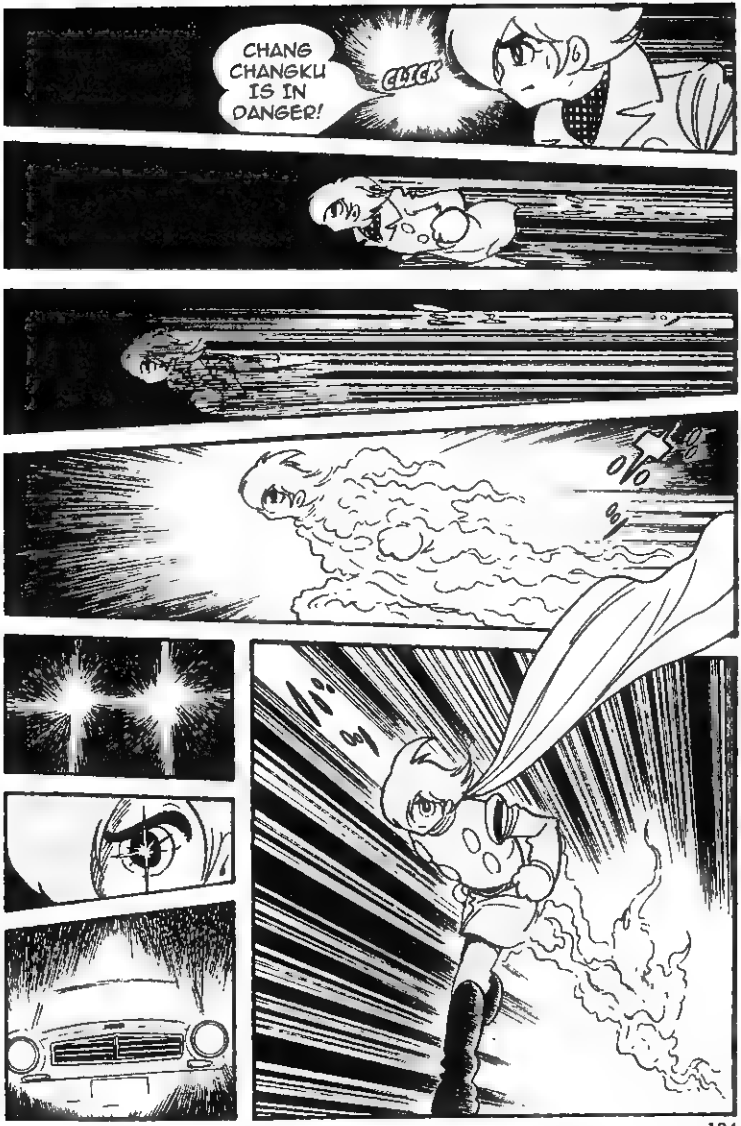
LET'S FOLLOW THEM!
WHO WERE THOSE THREE MEN?
YEAH
HEY, THAT GIRL WAS CRYING...
AH! NO GOOD
THEY'RE GETTING IN THE CAR!
GOOD POINT. LET'S HURRY AND FIND A TAXI!
WE CAN'T BE SEEN RUNNING THROUGH A CITY AT MACH SPEEDS.
WE'LL NEED ONE, TOO...
RUN
RUN
VROOM

TAXIII!
I LOVE LIVING IN A COMIC!
WELL WHADDAYA KNOW, A TAXI!
TEXI
QUICKLY, AFTER THAT CAR!
EH? I COULD HAVE SWORN THAT DOG JUST WAVED ME DOWN...
TEXI
I'M AFRAID YOUR DOG CAN'T...
H-HOLD ON, MISTER,
EEEK!
ANY-THING ELSE?
YEEK!
NO DOGS ALLOWED, IS IT!

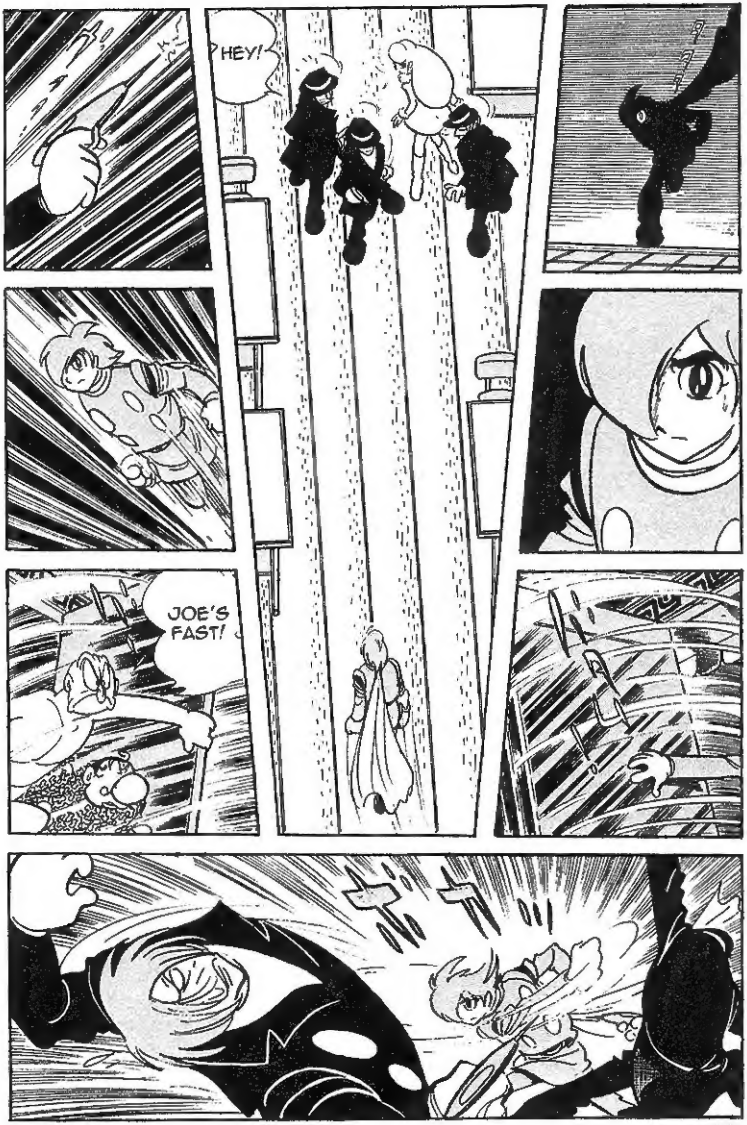
RIGHT, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS!
WE HAVE TO CATCH UP TO THEM!
WAY TO GO, 68!
AHA! THERE THEY ARE!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
I'LL TAIL THEM...
FLIP
FLIP
FLIP
AND KEEP YOU UP TO DATE THROUGH TELEPATHY ...
LEAVE IT TO ME!
FLIP
SO AFTER THIS YOU CAN COME RUNNING!
FLIP
FLIP

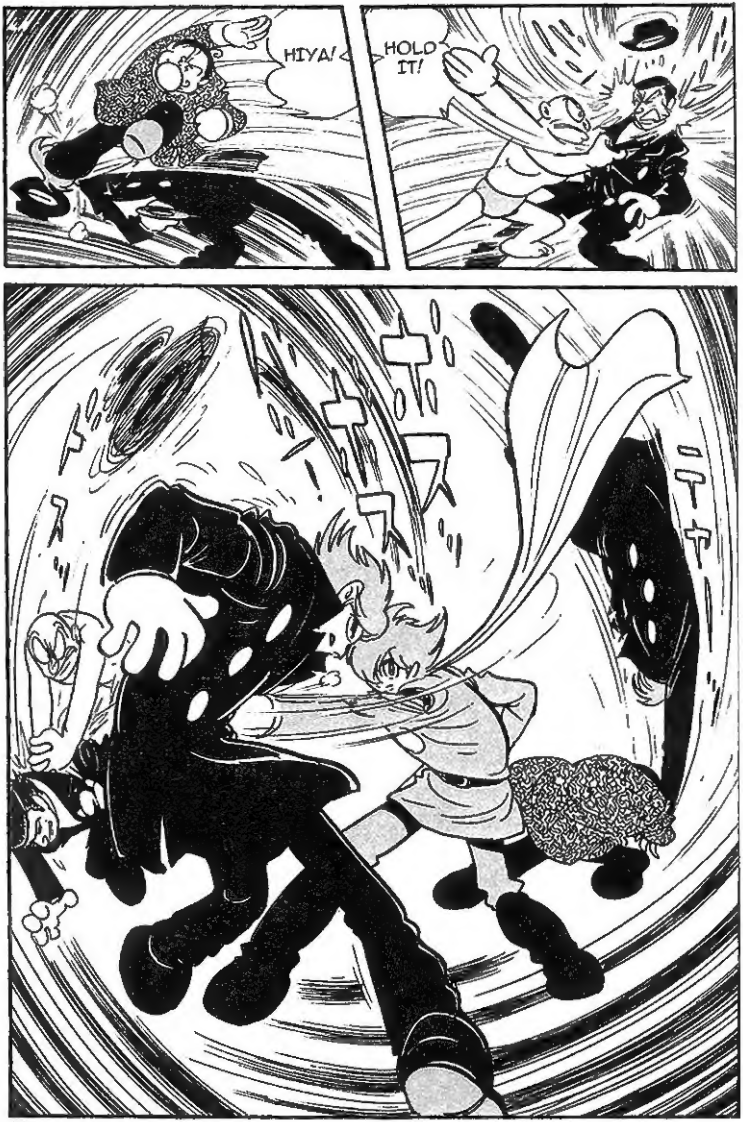


SIGN: CHINESE RESTAURANT CHANG CHANGKU


CHANG CHANGKU IS IN DANGER!
CHICK

WHA-WHA-WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT JUST NOW?
?
AHA!


HEY!
JOE'S FAST!


HIYA!
HOLD IT!

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